

James 2:14-26

- “Works” in James are post-salvation or the fruit of salvation. “Works” in Paul are pre-salvation or earn salvation.
 - James’ “works” are the result of the life and salvation of God.
 - James absolutely demands the need for works for possessing a real faith.
 - Paul’s “works” are human means of attaining favor and achieving salvation from God.
 - Paul absolutely rejects the need for works for having real faith.
- “Works” already mentioned in James:
 - 1:4 – work is the end result of endurance
 - 1:25 – work is the correct response to the “law of liberty”
- “Faith” already mentioned in James means complete trust in Christ:
 - 1:3
 - 1:6
 - 2:1
 - 2:5
- James’ use of “works” or “deeds” might better be understood as “action”
 - James 1:25 – “being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”
 - 1 Peter 1:13-16 – “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

James 2:14 – **“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?”**

1. “if” is third class condition is hypothetical and includes doubt.

2:15 – **“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,**

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Now if	a brother	or	a sister	without clothes	is	and	lacking	-	of daily	food		
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2:16 – **“and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?”**

2:17 – **“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

2:18 – **“But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

2:19 – **“You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!**

2:20 – “Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?”

2:21 – “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?”

2:22 – “You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

2:23 – “and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

2:24 – “You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

2:25 – “And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?”

2:26 – “For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.