

Saved By Faith and Works

- James 2:14-26 -

- A. Someone commented: “There are some people where I attend who do not understand you cannot have faith without works..”
- B. There is a lot of debate about the connection of faith and works in the process of salvation. Others argue about faith and opinion.
- C. If faith is without works (**Jas 2:24**), it is non-existing (dead).
- D. It is time for a check-up on our faith. If we fail to do it, our faith falters, weakens, and dies. Consider the words of **2 Cor 13:5**

1. _____ ?

- A. **Faith is not an** _____ Subjective feelings are often on again off again. You may have them one day but not the next. This is not faith...
- B. **Faith is not** _____ This belief system is like the faith of demons (**v.19; Lk 4:33,34; 8:80,31**). Consider the parable of the sons in **Matt 21:28,29**. Verbal commitments should mean something in works, not words only.
- C. **Faith is not** _____ Faith is not wishing you could be like someone else.
- D. **Faith is a** _____ **by** _____ What do you believe about marriage? Is it a feeling, something you saw in others, or a verbal commitment? The evidence is in **Gen 2:18-25**. What do you believe about **children** (**Eph 6:4**); **teaching** (**Matt 28:19,20; Rom 1:16; 2 Tim 2:2**); **worship** (**Heb 10:25**); How a Christian should live (**Gal 5:22,23**)?
- E. Christians need to learn the lesson about faith and works.

2. **The** _____ **of an** _____

- A. If a faith has no works, “*What use is it?*”(v.14, NAS) How convincing is that to others, unless it shows up consistently in your life? It is unprofitable, dead, and fails the test of Bible faith
- B. Note the illustration given in v.15,16. What is your first response to a circumstance where faith is needed? If there is No activity, there is No blessing (v.17).
- C. People will “**justify**” themselves, but v.18 says “*show me your faith..*” Do not respond emotionally like the demons (v.19).
- D. People can understand this by considering _____ (v.21-23) and _____ (v.25). Faith without works is dead (v.20,22,24).
- E. We need faith (**Heb 11:6**). It is our victory over the world (**1 John 5:4**). Every Christian needs to consider **Titus 3:8**....