

The Book Of James
#6-Faith That Works

Memory Verse - Hand Out Scriptures to read

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26, NKJV).

James 2:14–26; Rom. 3:27, 28; Titus 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:2; Rom. 4:1–5; Josh. 2:1–21.

Dead Faith

James 2:14 (NKJV) “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”

James 2:26 (NKJV) *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

***Concert for Dead Man**

Revelation 3:1 *And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.*

1 Timothy 5:6 *But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.*

***Colossians 2:13** (NKJV) *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

Matthew 8:22 (KJV 1900) *But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.*

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

By faith Abel offered

By faith Noah, prepared an ark

By faith Abraham obeyed

By faith the harlot Rahab ... received the spies with peace.

James 2:15–17 (NKJV) *If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

Saving Faith

James 2:18 (NKJV) *But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

2 Timothy 4:7 *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

***Galatians 5:6** (NKJV) *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.*

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV) *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

James 2:25 (KJV 1900) *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*

Works Are the Fruit of Salvation

Romans 4:4 (NKJV) *Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.*

John 6:28–29 *Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NKJV) *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

The "Faith" of Demons

James 2:19 (NKJV) *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!*

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NKJV) *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! The Shema.*

Matthew 8:28–29 (NKJV) *When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”*

Mark 1:23–24 (NKJV) *Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”*

***Mark 3:11** (NKJV) *And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.”*

Luke 4:41 (NKJV) *And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.*

2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV) *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;*

***Jude 6** (NKJV) *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

Revelation 12:12 (NKJV) *Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."*

Matthew 27:3-4 (NKJV) *Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."*

Numbers 23:10 (NKJV) *"Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my end be like his!"*

Abraham's Faith

James 2:21-23 (KJV 1900) *Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*

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Genesis 26:5 (NKJV) *because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."*

The Faith of Rahab

James 2:25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*

Hebrews 11:31 *By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*

There are two errors against which the children of God-- particularly those who have just come to trust in His grace--especially need to guard. The first, already dwelt upon, is that of looking to their own works, trusting to anything they can do, to bring themselves into harmony with God. He who is trying to become holy by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin. It is the grace of Christ alone, through faith, that can make us holy.

The opposite and no less dangerous error is that belief in Christ releases men from keeping the law of God; that since by faith alone we become partakers of the grace of Christ, our works have nothing to do with our redemption.

But notice here that obedience is not a mere outward compliance, but the service of love. - Steps to Christ 60

***Concert for Dead Man** - One stormy night in 1910, a group of traveling musicians arrived at the city of Riga, on the Baltic Sea, to fulfill a concert engagement. The weather was so bad, however, that the conductor of the orchestra tried to persuade the manager of the hall to cancel the concert. He felt sure that no one would venture out on such a rainy night. The manager refused to cancel, but he did agree that if not even one turned up, the orchestra could leave early in order to catch the night boat bound for Helsinki, in Finland. When the musicians arrived at the concert hall, they found only one person sitting in the audience - a stout old man who seemed to smile at everyone. Because of this one old man, the musicians were forced to play the entire concert, and were unable to leave early to catch the boat. After the concert was over, the old man continued sitting in his seat. Thinking he was asleep, an usher nudged his shoulder. Only then was it discovered that the old man was dead. The musicians had played the entire concert for a dead man. But ironically, in doing this they had actually saved their own lives. For the boat they would have taken to Finland sank that very night with a complete loss of life. The death of one man saved the lives of many.