



The Book of James

**A FAITH
that WORKS**

James 2:14–26

There is something in our nature that **rebels** against this idea that grace is a **free gift** from God.

But be **doers** of the word, and not **hearers**
only, **deceiving** yourselves.

James 1:22

Slow to Anger
Take Care of Widows and Orphans
Show no Partiality

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if
someone claims to have **faith** but has **no**
deeds?**

James 2:14a

You may have **thought it; you may have **felt**
it, but you **did not meet** the Savior of the
Universe**

Can that faith **save** them?

James 2:14b

Faith in the Bible is *always* one that produces fruit and changes people fundamentally.

**The Bible teaches nothing of an action-less
faith!**

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, **what good is it?**

James 2:15-16

**When you see people at need, God is
inviting you into doing ministry **with** Him.**

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31

Love God. Love People

³ We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know Him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. **This is how we know we are in Him:** ⁶ Whoever claims to live in Him must **live as Jesus did.**

1 John 2:3-6

If we truly understand the Gospel and follow Jesus, His love for us will have changed us in a very real and relevant way!

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17

**James isn't saying that it is works vs. faith.
He is saying that it is real faith vs. a
deceptive faith that leads to death.**

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 7:18-20

If you truly **know (ginosko) Jesus as your
Lord and Savior, you can't help but begin to
change.**

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the **will of my Father** who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

For my **Father's will** is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him **shall have eternal life**, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:40

²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never **knew**
(ginosko) you. Away from me, you
evildoers!'

Matthew 7:22-23

Ginosko (Greek) = Yadá (Hebrew)

**Does your relationship with Jesus Christ
cause you to **act and think** differently?**

**There is a way to please God and to offend
God doing the exact same activity!**

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith **without deeds, and I will show you my faith **by my deeds**.**

James 2:18

**And all our righteousnesses are like filthy
rags (iddim)**

Isaiah 64:6b

Works(Fruit) are produced from the inside out, not the other way around. (Galatians 5)

**What activity is God asking you to step into
because of your relationship with Him?**

You believe that there is one God. Good!
Even the demons believe that—and
shudder.

James 2:19

Is your faith divine or demonic?

**“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? **I know who you
are—the Holy One of God!**”**

Mark 1:24

**Moreover, demons came out of many people,
shouting, **“You are the Son of God!”** But he
rebuked them and would not allow them to
speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.**

Luke 4:41

Divine faith is a faith that saves. It is a gift from God that leads to a changed life.

Demonic faith is a works based salvation or a faith that doesn't lead to change.

²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says,
“Abraham believed God, and it was
credited to him as righteousness,” and he
was called **God’s friend**. ²⁴ You see that a
person **is considered righteous by what
they do and not by faith alone.**

James 2:20-24

Don't do what God **asked you to do. Do
what He is **telling** you to do!**

In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

James 2:25

**God saves both the righteous and the
unrighteous.**

**As the body without the spirit is dead, so
faith without deeds is dead.**

James 2:26

22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Matthew 26:22;25