

### ***Sermon Scripture Passage: James 2:14-26***

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 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? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 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. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 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? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### **Ephesians 2:8-10**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Scripture References:**

**Romans 4:2-5** – For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

**Matthew 23:4-7** – 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

**I John 2:6** – Whoever claims to abide in Him must walk as Jesus walked.

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James: Looking Into the Mirror #3 – James 2:14-26 + Ephesians 2 – Zombie Faith

*Question: James and Paul were two key leaders in the early church, did they disagree on whether a person would be saved by faith rather than by works?*

James 2:14-26 If someone has faith but no works, can such a faith save him?

2:14 What is the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ in God, and putting your \_\_\_\_\_ in God?

2:15-16 Example: If someone is in need what matters more, our \_\_\_\_\_ or our \_\_\_\_\_?

2:17-18 The point from the example: Faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_.

*How would we discern if a person has faith in Christ?*

2:19 An Argument: Demons believe that God \_\_\_\_\_, but will not escape judgment.

2:20-24 Abraham's great faith in the Lord was shown by his willingness to offer \_\_\_\_\_.

*How do Paul and James draw different conclusions from Abraham's life? (see Romans 4)*

2:25 Example: *What did Rahab do that showed she believed in the Lord Almighty?*

2:26 Conclusion: *What does James conclude about faith and works?*

Ephesians 2:8-9 Salvation is a gift and not earned by our works that no one may \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:10 *What does Paul conclude about faith and works?*

Two Key Truths: Salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith & The Call to \_\_\_\_\_

Good works without grace:

Grace without good works:



Answers for the blanks:

- Believing
- Faith or Trust
- Words
- Actions
- Dead
- Exists
- Isaac, his son
- 2:25 – Rahab sheltered the Israelite spies
- Boast
- Grace
- Discipleship