



Scripture

James 2:14-26

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I. Faith Without Works Does Not Save - Vs. 14

John 3:36 -

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

II. Faith Without Works is Dead - Vs. 15-17

“The saints fed the hungry and clothed the naked because it gave them much pleasure to do so. They did it because they could not help doing it, their new nature impelled them to it. They did it because it was their delight to do good...They did good for Christ’s sake, because it was the sweetest thing in the world to do anything for Jesus.”

~Spurgeon, “The Final Separation,” 288

II. Faith Without Works is Dead - Vs. 15-17

I John 3:17-18 -

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

III. Faith is Inseparable from Works - Vs. 18

Ephesians 2:8-10 -

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

IV. Faith is More than Just Right Belief - Vs. 19-20

V. Faith is Observable in its Effects - Vs. 21-24

Hebrews 11:17-19 -

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Matthew 7:15-21 -

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

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

VI. Faith Without Works is Dead - Vs. 25-26

Hebrews 11:31 -

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

**It's about as useless as
A screen door on a submarine
Faith without works baby
It just ain't happenin'
One is your left hand
One is your right
It'll take two strong arms
To hold on tight
Some folks cut off their nose
Just to spite their face
I think you need some works to show
For your alleged faith**

O it is a living, busy active mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good things incessantly. It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done this, and is constantly doing them. Whoever does not do such works, however, is an unbeliever. He gropes and looks around for faith and good works, but knows neither what faith is nor what good works are. Yet he talks and talks, with many words, about faith and good works.

~Luther (from his preface to Romans)