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* **Genuine Faith Serves Others.**

***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?****17****In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.* ***18****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 2:15-18

* **Genuine Faith Submits and Is Obedient To God.**

***19****You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the* ***demons*** *believe that—and shudder.* James 2:18-19

* **Genuine Faith Combines Belief + Action-> *Faith In Action!***

***20****You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is* ***useless****?****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

***25****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?****26****As the body without the spirit is dead, so* ***faith without deeds is dead****.* James 2:24-25

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***14****What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such* ***faith******save*** *them?* James 2:14

Q: Is salvation by faith alone, or by faith plus works?

Q: Am I saved just by believing in Jesus, or do I have to believe in Jesus and do certain things: i.e. *works*?

**Paul:**  ***8****For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—****9not by works,****so that no one can boast.****10****For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* Eph 2:8-10

**CLEARING UP SOME CONFUSION:**

**Paul and James Don’t Contradict – but Complement each other.**

**Paul -> Faith is the Root. James -> Works Is The Fruit.**

**☺ i.e. if I don’t see no *fruit* – there may not be any *root*.**

**KEY:** Can *that kind of* **FAITH** save me?

**Jesus** ***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****…****23****Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’* … ***24****“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* Matthew 7:21-27

**KEY**: Obedience to God is the mark of true Disciple.