

## WHAT DOES FAITH ACCOMPLISH?

The sinner is **SAVED** through faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

The believer must **WALK** by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB) "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Without faith it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God.

Hebrews 11:6 (NASB) "without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Whatever we do **APART** from faith is sin.

Romans 14:23b (Amp) "For whatever does not originate in and proceed from faith is sin – that is, whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful."

*Faith is not some kind of nebulous feeling that we work up; faith is confidence that God's Word is true, and conviction that acting upon that Word will bring His blessing.*

### Faith number one: **DEAD** Faith

James 2:14 (NASB) "What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?"

Matthew 7:21 (NIV) "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven."

James 2:16 (NIV) "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed."

Galatians 6:10 (NASB) "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

Matthew 25:40 (NASB) "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to me."

1 John 3:17-18 (NASB) "Whoever has the worlds' goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

James 2:17 (NASB), "Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself"

### Faith number two: **DECEPTIVE** Faith

James 2:18-20 (NASB) "But someone may well say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?"

Mark 3:11-12 (NASB) "Whenever the unclean spirits beheld Him they would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!" And He earnestly warned them not to make Him known."

Luke 8:30-31 (NASB) "Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they were entreating Him not to command them to depart into the abyss."

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB) "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."



## The Balanced Christian Life

James 2:17 (Amp) “Even so faith if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power – inoperative, dead.”

### Faith number three: **DYNAMIC** Faith

James 2:20-23a (NASB) “But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled.”

#### First: Dynamic faith is **BASED** in the Word of God.

James 1:18 (NASB) “In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the Word of truth.”

James 1:21 (NASB) “Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

Ephesians 5:25-26 (NASB) “Just as Christ also loved the church and give Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word.”

Romans 10:17 (NASB) “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”

#### Second: Dynamic faith **INVOLVES** the whole person.

#### Third: Dynamic faith always leads to **ACTION**.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Amp), “Examine and test and evaluate your own selves, to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves, (not Christ). Do you not yourselves realize and know (thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience) that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless you are (counterfeits) disapproved on trial and rejected.”

### Application:

Would you rate your faith as: (circle one)  
a. dead? b. deceived ? c. dynamic?

Was there a time when you honestly realized that you were a sinner and admitted that to yourself and to God?

Was there a time when your heart stirred you to repent and turn from that sin and receive God's forgiveness and cleansing?

Have you ever surrendered yourself completely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and bowed your life in total compliance to his will?

Has there been a change in your life that can be marked by faith at work in your and working out of you?

Is your faith evident daily by good works that support what you have come to believe about Jesus Christ and what He has commanded?

On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being not at all and 10 being completely answer this statement. I am living a balanced Christian life.

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Memory Verse: James 2:14 (NASB) “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?”

