

Faith and Works

- *14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus 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 without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Jas. 2:14-20*

Faith & Works

- *21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?*
- *26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. Jas. 2:21-26*

Can Faith Without Works Save?

- *Faith, but does not have works? CAN FAITH SAVE HIM?*
- *Thus also FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD.*
- *Show me your faith without your works, and I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.*
- *do you want to know, O foolish man, THAT FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD*
- The Holy Spirit used James to ask: If the faith we have in God is not (1) producing works, can it save us?
- The answer is (2) Faith without works is dead
- (3) I can only show my faith by my works.
- (4) Faith without works is dead.
- These are not doctrinal debating points ... They are the heart of our salvation.

Faith Without Works is Dead

- *Abraham our father JUSTIFIED BY WORKS WHEN HE OFFERED ISAAC HIS SON ON THE ALTAR*
- *Do you see that FAITH WAS WORKING TOGETHER WITH HIS WORKS, AND BY WORKS FAITH WAS MADE PERFECT?*
- *You see then THAT A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, AND NOT BY FAITH ONLY*
- *FOR AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALSO. Jas. 2:21-26*
- (5) Abraham was justified by works
- (6) Faith works with works; works make faith perfect
- (7) Justified by works... not by faith only
- (8) As body with spirit is dead ... so faith without works is dead!

I will show you my faith by my works

- *Show me your faith without your works, and I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.*
- What will you show?
- When we stand before God on the day of judgment and God asks us that question what will your answer be?
- Our first answer would be: I obeyed the gospel just as You revealed it. I heard, believed, repented, confessed and was baptized (buried) in water for the remission of sins.
- But for many that was 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 years ago.
- What works have we done since we obeyed the gospel?
- What will your answer be?

Abraham's Answer

- When you called me I went *Heb 11:8*
- *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*
- When you promised, I believed
- *19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Rom 4:19-22*

Abraham's Answer

- Whatever You asked me to do, I did it. *Heb 11:9-10*
- *By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*
- When you tested me, I passed. *Heb. 11:17-19; Jas 2:21*
- *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*
- *Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?*

Show Me Your Faith

- 2Pet 1:4-11: Adding on your part
- Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love
- For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful.
- lack these things is shortsighted, even to blindness,
- be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;
- for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- These are mighty works!! If we can show them we will be safe.

Show Me Your Faith

- Sermon on the Mount
- "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Mt 7:24-27
- "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Mt 7:24-27
- Beattitudes (8) You have heard... but I say (6)
- Righteous before men (3) treasures in heaven 2 gates; 2 paths, 2 teachers 2 disciples 2 hearers.

Show me you faith

- Good Works
- *His own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:14*
- *I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works Titus 3:8*
- *And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. Titus 3:14*

Show me you faith

- Good Works
- *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Matt 25:34-36*
- *inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matt 25:40*

Show me you faith

- *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Matt 25:41-43*
- *'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matt 25:45-46*

Show me you faith

- *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Tim 2:15-16*
- Hebrews 11 shows the depth and variety of the right answers to show me your faith.
- This is the oil we will need!

Show me your faith

- *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.*
- *And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Matt 25:1-13*