

Work Your Faith

James 2

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 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 deals with Christians where they live. He teaches us not to talk about it but be about it. That is our faith. James 2 is addressing the problem of people who falsely profess to have faith without producing any good works.

James’s has two purposes in this passage with the main thought is to get Christians moving in their faith.

First is the response of complacency. I might say to myself, “I know I’m a Christian and bound for heaven. I have enough good works in my life to show it. Wrong answer, we should always have our faith on display and show them by our works.

A second correct perspective in James 2 is that by its very nature faith is invisible, but can be seen through our good works. Unsaved people may not be able to see your faith except it be displayed by your work. They can see your work, which points back to your faith.

Faith is so simple, but we seem to complicate faith.

The Greek word for faith is 4102.

FAITH - PISTIS means **faith, belief**, firm persuasion, assurance, firm conviction, faithfulness. **BELIEVE - PISTUEO** - to trust in and rely upon, commit to the charge of, confide in, have a mental persuasion.

We throw faith around so carelessly.

We think it is something everyone just has automatically.

We tell people who don't read the word and who don't have the word inside them to simply to have faith and we expect them to have it. We tell them everything is going to be alright, but we forgot that Romans 10:17 says So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. – In other words, the only way a person can have faith is by being exposed to revelation.

Saints I will tell you that if you have the faith, God has the power.

This message is really about moving beyond the lip service of faith and telling people that we believe.

We have to go to the next level and learn to work what we believe.

There is something that God has given us. It is the ability to work our faith until what we are believing God for begins to manifest in our lives.

Many will tell you if it wasn't for their faith they would have given up a long time ago.

Remember Saints we must Work Our Faith!