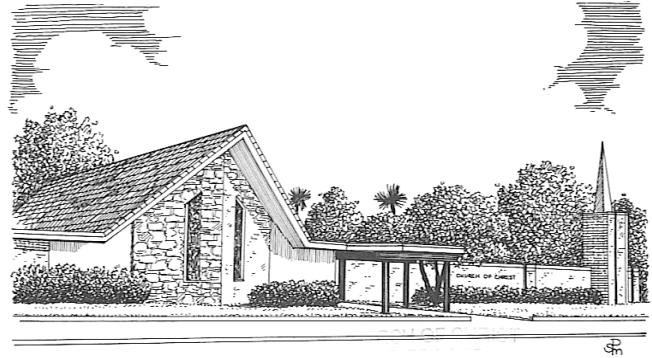


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### *Faith and Works*

James poses a question: *“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”* (James 2:14) Thus, the inquiry of the passage is, Will faith apart from works save?

Then James demonstrates by two Old Testament examples that we are justified by faith that works (James 2:21-25). First he appeals to the example of Abraham (James 2:21-24). Abraham was a Hebrew, godly, a man, a child of God, and the friend of God. He was justified by faith (James 2:23; quoting Genesis 15:6), but his faith had to be perfected by works of obedience to God (James 2:22), the greatest being his offering of his beloved son of promise, Isaac, upon an altar as a sacrifice in obedience to the command of God (James 2:21; cf. Genesis 22:1-18). He thus was the friend of God (James 2:23; cf. II Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; John 15:14).

What does the example of Abraham demonstrate? *“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”* (James 2:24). This is the only time the Bible even mentions the doctrine of salvation by faith alone, and the inspired writer James emphatically declares it to be a lie. Then James refers to the salvation of Rahab the harlot (James 2:25; cf. Joshua 2:1-22; 6:22-25). In contrast with Abraham, Rahab was a Gentile, immoral, a woman, an alien, and belonged to God’s enemies. How was she saved? She heard about the Lord and the terms of salvation (Joshua 2:10,12-20), she believed (Joshua 2:11,21; Hebrews 11:31), and she obeyed (Joshua 2:1-8,21; James 2:25). Thus, when Jericho perished, Rahab was saved (Joshua 6).

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The alien sinner must work to be saved (Matthew 7:21), and so must the child of God (Philippians 2:12). The alien must believe in Jesus (John 6:28-29), repent of his sins (Acts 3:19), confess his faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The child of God must “observe all things” Christ commands (Matthew 28:19-20). When he fails to do so he must repent, confess his sin, and pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). The doctrine of salvation by faith alone may be “very full of comfort,” but it is also very full of damnation. *“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”* (James 2:24).

Keith Sharp (La Vista Church of Christ)

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)**

**Pray for our Church family:**

Those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson, Lucy McDonald and Jerry Munn. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear Lord, may we worship You through the joys and sorrows of life. May our worship of You be the constant in the uncertainties of life. You are our rock. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Gina D. Gordon; July 20, 2020

Read: Job 1:13-22

**News:**

*Individually wrapped **communion supplies** are still available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way**

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**Scripture readings:  
Matthew 21:28-32**

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

**Sermon topic:**

**“Actions Speak Louder than Words”**



**Birthdays:**

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Lorenzo Serrano:	10/2
Leo Goodenough:	10/12
Camelia Munn:	10/22

I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

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