



MZBMP

Title: Living Faith vs. Dead Faith (part 1) – Faith Without Works is Dead, Being Alone

Text: James 2:14-17

“14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”

Pagsasalin: 14 Ano ang pakinabang mga kapatid ko, kung sinasabi ng sinuman na siya'y may pananampalataya, ngunit walang mga gawa? Maililigtas ba siya ng kanyang pananampalataya? 15 Kung ang isang kapatid na lalaki o babae ay namumuhay nang hubad at kinukulang sa pagkain sa araw-araw, 16 at ang isa sa inyo ay magsabi sa kanila, Humayo kayong payapa, magpainit kayo at magpakabusog, subalit hindi ninyo sila binibigyan ng mga bagay na kailangan ng katawan; anong pakinabang niyon? 17 Kaya't ang pananampalataya na nag-iisa, kung ito ay walang mga gawa ay patay.

Introduction:

- 1. Overall Outline of James:

James – Pure Religion – A Living Faith	
True Faith (1 – 3)	True Wisdom (4 – 5)
1. Confident Stand (1)	1. Contrite Submission (4)
2. Compassionate Service (2)	2. Concerned Sharing (5)
3. Careful Speech (3)	

- 2. Chapter 1 – Testings and Temptations.
- 3. Chapter 2 – 2 parts:
 - A. Teaching against “Respect of Persons” (2:1-13).
 - B. Teaching about Living Faith (2:14-26)
- 4. Today, we shall examine 2:14-17 – Living Faith vs. Dead Faith.
- 5. James’ teaching on living faith began in 2:1.
 - A. Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons (2:1-13).
 - B. As love demands mercy in judgment so does faith demand works.

I. Two Questions:

- A. What profit is faith without works?
 - 1) Profit – advantage or benefit. (pakinabang)
 - 2) This man (someone) is saying (presently) “I have (holding on to) faith!”
 - 3) But is also having (holding on to) no works (no good works).
 - 4) This man is a walking contradiction. (1 Jn. 2:4, 6, 9...)
- B. Can that faith save him?
 - 1) The question begs the obvious answer – No!
 - 2) That person is not saved (eschatologically – he is headed for the Lake of Fire).

II. One Illustration: - James illustrates what unloving, untrue, unliving faith looks like. (vv.15-16).

III. One Lesson – (v.17) – Faith without works is dead.

Conclusion: The believer by his works reveal his faith. Faith that is alone is dead faith; dead faith cannot produce good works.