

When Faith is Fake

James 2:14-26

James 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. (NASB)

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

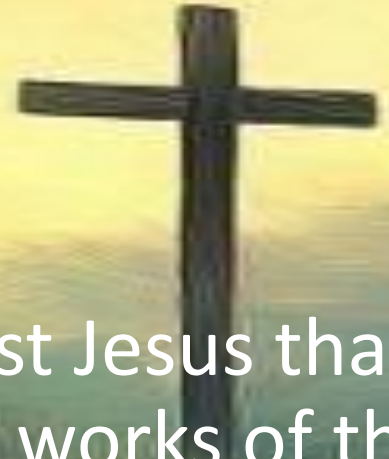


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Galatians 2:16 So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”



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Paul

Confronting legalism

Works – keeping Jewish laws

How to become a Christian

OBGYN

The root of salvation

Justify – forensic or legal term

James

Confronting laxity

Works – deeds, actions that accompany faith

How to behave like a Christian

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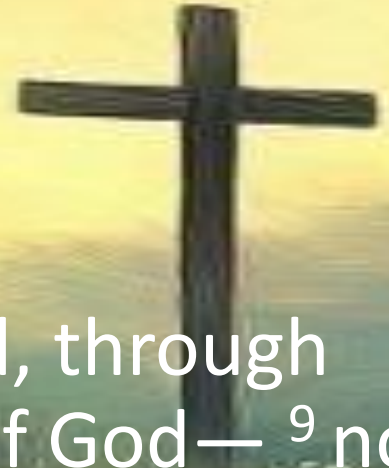
The fruit of salvation

Justify – proven true, demonstrated, or validated

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Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, ...



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Dead 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.



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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.





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Demon faith

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.



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Demonstrated faith

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.



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²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?



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²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.



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If being a Christian were illegal would there be enough evidence in your life to get you arrested, tried, and convicted beyond all reasonable doubt?

