

NOT JUST FAITH ALONE.

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James 2:14-26-NKJV

- 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?
- 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.

We not only believe, but that we do what we believe.

James 1:25-AMP

25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [*law*] of liberty, and ***is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener*** who forgets ***but an active doer [who obeys]***, he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

The Lord Jesus said, "***I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit ...***" (John 15:5).

True actions will always flow from faith. True faith will always result in action.

Hebrews 11:17-19-AMP

By ***faith*** Abraham, when he was put to the test [*while the testing of his faith was still in progress*], had already brought Isaac for an offering; he who had gladly received and welcomed [*God's*] promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, [*Gen. 22:1-10.*]

18 Of whom it was said, Through Isaac shall your descendants be reckoned. [*Gen. 21:12.*]

19 For he reasoned that God was able to raise [*him*] up even from among the dead. Indeed in the sense that Isaac was figuratively dead [*potentially sacrificed*], he did [*actually*] receive him back from the dead.

2Corinthians 13:5-AMP

5 Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are ***holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it***. Test and prove yourselves [*not Christ*]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [*thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience*] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless you are [*counterfeits*] disapproved on trial and rejected?