

James 2:14-26

Do You Truly Have.....

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Intro:

- James addresses the doctrine of “faith alone.”
- Why?
- Apparently, this heresy was a problem even with 1st century people.
- James 2 is a powerful refutation of this concept.
- Let’s analyze what he says from two sides. First, faith without works and secondly, faith with works.

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- Faith without works is
- **DISASTROUS**
 - Vs. 14- Rhetorical question- Shows it cannot save!
- **DEAD**
 - Vs. 14, 17, 20- No good, useless.
- **DEMONESQUE** (In the style of...- Urban Dict.)
 - Vs. 19- No different than a demon's faith.

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- Faith with works is
- **COMMON SENSE**
 - Vs. 20- *“Do you want to be shown, you foolish person.”*
- **COMPLETE**
 - Vs. 22- Faith is validated by works. Perfected. Abraham.
- **COUNTED**
 - Vs. 23- Faith alone doesn't count vs. 24

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- True faith always involves righteous action!
- If Faith without works is dead, then, Faith without works is not the Faith mentioned in:
 - Eph. 2:8-10
 - Heb. 10:38
 - Rom. 1:17; 5:1
 - Gal. 3:24
- Why?

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Because.....

What is dead is USELESS!!!!

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- Eph. 2:8-10- This faith leads to salvation
- Rom. 1:17 and Heb. 10:38- This faith leads to righteousness
- Romans 5:1 & Gal. 3:24- This faith leads to justification.
- Heb. 11:6- Faith involves two components
 - Acknowledgement
 - Action
 - This is settled by Heb. 11:39 (**Commended** through their **faith**-belief that was moved to action)

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