

## **1 Timothy 1:18-20**

**18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;**

**19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:**

**20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

***Faith  
That Does Not  
Save***

***James 2:14-26***

## **James 2:14-26**

**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.**

## **James 2:14-26 - continued**

**18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

**19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

**20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?**

## **James 2:14-26 - continued**

**21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?**

**22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?**

**23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.**

**24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**

## **James 2:14-26 - continued**

**25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?**

**26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

# **Introduction**

**A. We are saved by faith**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**1. No one can be saved by good works**

**Titus 3:5**

**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

# **Introduction**

## **A. We are saved by faith - continued**

### **2. No one can be saved by keeping the law**

#### **Galatians 2:16**

**Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**



# **Introduction**

## **A. We are saved by faith - continued**

### **3. No one can be saved apart from faith in Christ**

**John 14:6**

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

# Introduction

**B. James makes startling statements about salvation  
by faith**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord  
Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath  
raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**What is this faith James says  
does not save?**

# **I. Faith That Is Mere Profession Does Not Save (2:14-17)**

## **A. Talk is cheap (2:14)**

**Isaiah 29:3**

**Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**

# **I. Faith That Is Mere Profession Does Not Save (2:14-17)**

## **B. Something is missing (2:15-16)**

**John 15:4-5**

**4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**

**5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

# **I. Faith That Is Mere Profession Does Not Save (2:14-17)**

**C. Paul - Faith in Christ makes us different**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are  
become new.**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus  
unto good works, which God hath before ordained that  
we should walk in them.**

## **II. Faith That Does Not Bring Spiritual Life Does Not Save (2:17-18)**

**A. This faith is a “dead give-away” of being counterfeit (2:17)**

**1. It is not childlike trust in Christ**

**2. It is not trusting Christ alone**

**3. It is called faith but is not faith**

**4. It is some religious act or experience called faith**

**Colossians 2:13**

**And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

## **II. Faith That Does Not Bring Spiritual Life Does Not Save (2:17-18)**

**B. Faith in Christ always brings new life**

**1. There are no exceptions**

**John 3:3-5**

**3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

**4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**

**5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**



## **II. Faith That Does Not Bring Spiritual Life Does Not Save (2:17-18)**

**B. Faith in Christ always brings new life - continued**

**2. Jesus turns no one away**

**John 6:37**

**All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

**3. This invitation is for whosoever**

**Romans 10:13**

**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

# **III. Faith That Is Merely Intellectual Agreement Does Not Save (2:19)**

## **A. Believing the facts is not necessarily faith**

**1. Demons believe there is one God**

**2. They tremble when they think about it**

**3. Their acceptance of the facts does not help them**

**Matthew 8:29**

**And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?**

### **III. Faith That Is Merely Intellectual Agreement Does Not Save (2:19)**

**B. One can agree with the facts of the Gospel and be lost  
Mark 12:32-34a**

**32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:**

**33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

**34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.**

### **III. Faith That Is Merely Intellectual Agreement Does Not Save (2:19)**

#### **C. Intellectual assent is not really faith**

##### **1. It is “another gospel”**

#### **Galatians 1:6**

**I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

##### **2. Paul says it was just called the Gospel**

#### **Galatians 1:7**

**Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

### **III. Faith That Is Merely Intellectual Agreement Does Not Save (2:19)**

**One must move from facts to faith  
to be saved**

## **IV. What Does Living Faith Look Like (2:21-26)**

### **A. Abraham (2:21-24)**

- 1. He trusted God and it moved him to obedience**
- 2. His faith produced works**
- 3. He became known as the friend of God**

**John 15:14**

**Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

**B. Rahab's faith caused her to save the Israeli spies  
(vv 25-26)**

**Do You Have Biblical Faith?**