



Genuine Faith That Saves

James 2:14-26

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Salvation is by grace through faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.

1. Empty Faith - James 2:14-17

2. Evil Faith - James 2:18-20

3. Expressed Faith - James 2:21-26

PAUL AND JAMES: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN	
PAUL	JAMES
"For we maintain that a man is <i>justified by faith</i> apart from works of the Law." (Rom. 3:28)	"You see that a man is <i>justified by works</i> and not by faith alone." (Jas. 2:24)
Uses "justified" to mean "pronounced righteous in the sight of God"	Uses "justified" to mean "proved righteous in the sight of others"
Shows how an unbeliever becomes a Christian	Shows how a believer lives as a Christian
Emphasizes the root of salvation	Emphasizes the fruit of salvation
Stresses inward disposition	Stresses outward actions
Demonstrates God's part with human participation	Demonstrates human part with God's help

- Source: Charles Swindoll, *NT Commentary on James and 1&2 Peter*, pg. 61

Paul speaks of the **root** of salvation. James speaks of the **fruit** of salvation. Now the root is beneath the ground. The fruit is above the ground. God can see the root, only man can see the fruit. Paul speaks of the **foundation** of our faith. James speaks of the **building** that is built on that foundation. Paul is speaking of that which is **inward**. James is speaking of that which is **outward**... Paul is talking about a **know so** salvation. James is talking about a **show so** salvation.

- Adrian Rogers, from sermon "A Funeral for a Dead Faith"

Three Ingredients for Genuine Faith:

- 1) Knowledge of the Gospel (Romans 10:9-10, 17)
- 2) Agreement with the facts of the Gospel
- 3) Trust (Surrender) to the Man of Salvation, Jesus Himself (Acts 16:31)