

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?

Galatians 2:16 Know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10

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

Paul - focuses more on speaking out against those who think they can be saved by deeds instead of faith.

James - is trying to address those who seem to think intellectual agreement is the same thing as having true faith.

James 2:15-17 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 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?

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' but you do not do what I say?"

James 2:18 Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder.

James 2:20-24 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered up his son Issac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

And Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

James 2:25-26

In the same way, was not even
Rahab the prostitute considered
righteous for what she did when she
gave lodging to spies and sent them
off in a different direction?

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

Yada = To Know

A deep intimate knowing. Something much deeper than an intellectual knowledge.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.

Galatians 5:22-23 For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Against such things there is no law.

1. Living Faith takes Action.

- 2. Intellectual Knowing is not Enough.
 - a. Yada
 - b. Knowing God leads to deeper faith.

3. Where is the Evidence of Fruit?