



Saving Faith Works

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Text: James 2:14-26 (#5 in series)

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Theme: **A saving faith is a working faith.**

The problem—faulty faith.

1. Identifying the central issue. (14)
2. Illustrating the central issue. (14-17, 20, 26)

The solution—saving faith.

1. It is more than *belief*. (19-25; see also Matthew 8:28)
2. It is made visible by works. (18-26; see also Genesis 15:1-20; 22:1-19)
3. It is *completed* by works.
(22, 26; see also Ephesians 1:3; 2:10; Philippians 2:14; 1 Timothy 6:18; 2 Timothy 2:21; 3:16-17; Titus 3:1, 8, 14)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read James 2:14-26. Everyone believes, has faith in things and people. There are many differing meanings to *believing*, or *having faith*. List some of the things and/or people you believe or have faith in. Describe how the belief/faith is similar or different from one another.

Tuesday. Real Christian faith, saving faith, is transforming faith. First, it transforms the individual — sins are forgiven (Acts 2:38, Colossians 2:13-14), eternal life is given (John 3:16) and a new nature from God is also given (2 Corinthians 5:17). That's just the start! If you know this reality personally, thank God for His grace to you.

Wednesday. James wrote this section so readers (including us) are sure we have genuine saving faith. The apostle Paul also wrote, in 2 Corinthians 13:5, “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!” Remember, “A Saving Faith is a Working Faith.” If you haven’t examined your faith, do so now.

Thursday. The transformation of saving faith does involve a process of growth. At the same time, James clearly tells us that faith without works is useless (16, 20), not complete (22) and dead (17, 26). If you know your faith is true, saving faith, determine with God to have more than enough *evidence* of your faith visible.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at the subject of *Tongue Control* from James 3:1-12. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.