

Got FAITH?

Faith That Works

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What does the Bible say?

Ephesians 2:8-10 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Real faith is not something you just...

...Say

James 2:14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

...Feel

James 2:15-16 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

James 2:17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

...Think

James 2:18a Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds."

...**James 2:18b** But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

...Believe

James 2:19 You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

Psalms 14:1a Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

Real Faith is something you...DO!

James 2:20-22a How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.

2 Corinthians 13:5a Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves.

What does real faith look like?

Jesus Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5

When your life is full of trials and difficulties, be glad. A reward awaits you. **James 1:2**

You are to be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **James 1:4**

Ask God, and he will answer.

James 1:5, James 5:15

Watch out for your anger...it can be dangerous.

James 1:20

Be merciful to others...as God is merciful to you.

James 2:13

Your faith must express itself in helping others.

James 2:14-16

Blessed are the peacemakers.

James 3:17-18

You cannot serve God *and* money, pleasures or evil.

James 4:4

When we humble ourselves and realize our need for God,
he will lift us up.

James 4:10

Don't slander or speak against others.

James 4:11

We must store up eternal treasures in heaven.

James 5:2

Be patient in suffering.

James 5:10

Be honest in your speech.

James 5:12