

#693 Faith's Impact Upon Works (James 2:14-26)

Faith is believing that _____ is true, and then committing your life to it.

Faith is not believing in spite of evidence but obeying in spite of _____.

The first faith is _____ faith.

People with intellectual faith substitute _____ for _____.

The second faith is _____ faith.

A person can be enlightened in his _____ and even stirred in his _____ and be separated forever.

The third faith is _____ faith.

Both Abraham and Rahab were _____ by work-producing faith in God.

_____ is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous on the basis of Christ's finished work on the cross.

Discussion Questions

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. Based upon your experience, do you find more people who do good works but do not have faith, or more people who have faith but no good works? Are good works without faith useless?
3. Besides Abraham and Rahab, find another Old Testament character who displayed evidence of saving faith. Explain where you found this person in the Bible and why you have come to your conclusion.
4. How can you be certain that you possess a saving faith? Be specific.
5. Pray for one another that your faith may produce Christ-like works.

Supporting Scriptures

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 13:5a Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

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.