

“Faith Works”

A Series on the Book of James

You can tell someone you love them, but to them, the proof is in the actions. You may think you are a great employee, but what do your evaluations say?

Christianity is the same way; it is not just a philosophy or another religion. It is a lifestyle that radically collides with the “norm” of the world. Jesus said a true believer will “bear fruit” that is evidence of a transformed life.

What does it mean to live like a believer?

Why Study James?

The book of James is intensely practical, listing example after example of how to live as a Christian. It challenges us to examine our faith to see if there is any evidence of it being lived out on a daily basis. How do you handle adversity? Are you a wise person? Do you think your finances will keep you free from hardships? Do you excuse or downplay sin? Are you biased/prejudiced? Does your mouth run too much? Do you have demonic faith? Do you fight God? Are you a whiner? Do you really pray or just go through the motions? James says “show me your faith...what do you have?”

What Makes Him Such an Expert?

1. He knew Jesus quite well!
 - Matthew 1: 25; 13: 54-56
2. He was initially a skeptic
 - John 7: 2-5
3. He thought Jesus was crazy!
 - Mark 3: 20, 21
4. Jesus had brought division to his home
 - John 19:26
5. Something happened after the resurrection
 - I Corinthians 15: 7
6. From skeptic to believer to pastor
 - Acts 1: 14
 - Acts 12: 7
 - Galatians 1: 18, 19
 - Acts 15: 13
 - Acts 21: 18
7. Took an “forced” retirement in 62 AD