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GENUINE FAITH

James: Living Out What Lies Within - 4
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"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead." James 2:17 (NIV)

I. THE DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES

James

"You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone." James 2:24 (NIV)

Paul

"... knowing that man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

The Contrast

Paul = Works as in obeying the Jewish Law (internal)

How to become a Believer How to know I am a Christian

James = Works as in lifestyle (external)

How to behave as a Believer How to show I am a Christian

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ... for a life of good works, which God has already prepared for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10 (GN)

II. THE DELIBERATE PRACTICE

1. Genuine Faith Is More Than WORDS.

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such 'faith' save him?"

James 2:14 (NIV)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

2. Genuine Faith Does More Than FEEL.

"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" James 2:15-16 (NIV)

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" 1 John 3:17 (NIV)

3. Genuine Faith Is More Than A THOUGHT.

"But someone will say, 'You have faith - I have deeds.' SHOW ME your faith without deeds, and I will SHOW YOU my faith by what I do." James 2:18 (NIV)

"Any time a person becomes a Christian he becomes a new person inside, the old things have passed away. All things become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

4. Genuine Faith Is More Than BELIEVING.

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that -- and shudder!" James 2:19 (NIV)

5. Genuine Faith Is ACTION.

Abraham

"Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac 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 the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to Him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend." James 2:21-23 (NIV)

Rahab

"In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?" James 2:25 (NIV)

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves..." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)