

“WHEN FAITH DOESN’T WORK”
Genuine Faith Is Ratified by Good Works
Part #1 - James 2:14-17

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Brief Overview

1. James 1 concluded with an appeal to practice pure religion.
2. James 2 presents two requirements of pure religion.
 - First, **show no partiality**. 2:1-13
 - Second, **produce obedient deeds**. 2:14-26

Needed Clarification

Note four important differences between Paul’s great thesis (Romans 3:5, 28) and James’ teaching (2:14-26) on faith and works.

1. **Emphasis.**
2. **Perspective.**
3. **Time Frame.**
4. **Terms.**

Expositional Study

Genuine faith is more than just profession – it is action expressing itself in good works.

- I. Introductory Questions. 2:14
- II. Characteristics of Genuine Faith. 2:15-20
 - A. It is **involved – not indifferent**. 15-16
 - B. It is **in partnership – not independent**. 17

**If those around us note our actions, they should be led to know the faith that motivates them.*

**If others hear us speak of faith, they must also see us act out that faith.*

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