



THREE KINDS OF FAITH



INTRODUCTION:

James 2:14, 26, 14) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... 26) For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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A high-angle photograph of a church service. The sanctuary is filled with people seated in wooden pews, facing a stage. A person is standing at a pulpit on the stage. The lighting is warm and focused on the front of the church.

Ephesians 2:8, For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

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2 Corinthians 5:7, for we walk by
faith, not by sight.



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Romans 14:23, But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



I. A DEAD FAITH:

James 2:14-17, 14) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15) If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16) and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17) So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

I. A DEAD FAITH:

1 John 5:12, Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



II. A DEMONIC FAITH:

James 2:18-19, 18) But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19) You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder!

II. A DEMONIC FAITH:

Mark 3:11-12, 11) And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."
12) And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

II. A DEMONIC FAITH:

Luke 8:31, And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.



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Matthew 8:28-29, 28) And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29) And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?”

III. A DYNAMIC FAITH:

James 2:20-24, 20) Do you want to be shown, you, foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22) You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

III. A DYNAMIC FAITH:

23) and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” – and he was called a friend of God.

24) You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

III. A DYNAMIC FAITH:

James 2:25-26, 25) And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26) For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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James 2:22, You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;



CONCLUSION:

A. It is important that each professing Christian examine his or her own heart and life, and make sure that they possess true saving faith, which is a dynamic faith.

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B. Satan is the great deceiver; one of his devices is imitation.

1. If he can convince a person that counterfeit faith is true faith.

2. then he has that person in his power!

CONCLUSION:

Psalms 139:23-24, 23) Search me,
O God, and know my heart! Try
me and know my thoughts! 24)
And see if there be any grievous
way in me and lead me in the way
everlasting!