

Faith According to James Pastor's Desk – June 30, 2024



James 2:26: *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*

In Galatians 1:19, James is described as "the Lord's brother." **Galatians 1:19:** *“But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.”* Notice a difference between the two apostles: Paul emphasizes doctrine, while James focuses on practice. Paul explains the significance of Christ's death and resurrection, while James emphasizes the teachings of Jesus, particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. Paul emphasizes faith for justification, while James stresses the practical application of works resulting from faith, empowering us to live out our beliefs in our daily lives.

"Faith without works is dead" - a sure rule to abide by. In our interactions with others, we should always strive to fulfill our highest ideals of love and responsibility. Even when our acts of kindness and love are not returned,

we must always maintain our high standards and remember the example set by our Savior's life. Be kind to others, always help those around you, and adjust your pace to accommodate the weak and tired. Even Rahab was justified by faith, manifested in beautiful and selfless actions. (Jas 2:25; Heb 11:31). Remember the words of our Lord in **Matthew 7:20-21**: "20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

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