What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 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? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## Faith without action is dead

James 2:14-17

- If you talk the talk the talk, you better walk the walk
- Faith that is only about what you say and not about what you do is dead

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. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

#### Faith without action is dead

#### James 2:18-19

- Knowing the truth is not enough; believing in God is not insufficient - a faith that saves has deeds
- Argument presented for 2 types of Christians
  - Faith Christians
  - Deed Christians
- There is only one type of Christian one whose deeds give evidence to faith

#### John 15:1-4 Faith & Deeds

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 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. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

## Faith without action is dead

James 2:20-24

- Justification comes by faith and works
- Obedience is a necessary aspect of a living faith
- Doesn't Paul say that we are justified by faith alone? (Ephesians 2:8)

# Ephesians 2:8-10 Faith & Deeds

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

## Faith without action is dead

#### James 2:25-26

- Faith and works must work together for faith to be alive
- Living physical body is evidence of a living spirit within you
- Behaviour/action is evidence of a living faith
- As a body without a spirit is a corpse, so a faith without action is also a corpse

#### Faith without action is dead

What does it mean to be a Christian?

- Justification Jesus did something for us
- Regeneration Jesus does something in us
- Action Jesus does something through us

# Luke 14:33 Faith & Deeds

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.



## Matthew 7:21-23 Faith & Deeds

"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. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'