

Pt.4 Show Me Faith

James 2:14-26

2 Main Truths concerning Faith...

Truth #1... If it Can't be Shown It isn't Known... vs.14-20

1) Faith w/o deeds is a useless faith... v.20

Reasons why this Faith is Useless...

1. It is a say-so but not a do-so religion.
2. It talks but it doesn't walk.
3. It makes a claim w/o producing a conduct to match.
4. It has an indifference to the will & love of the Lord.
5. It professes Christ, but it never attempts to do anything for Christ.
6. It is all-talk no-action.

2) Faith w/o deeds is worthlessness.

Reasons why there is no profit to this kind of faith.

1. It cannot save the sinner... vs.14
2. A mere profession of faith doesn't help others.
3. A mere profession of faith doesn't show any evidence to its reality.
4. Faith that has no action is no better than the faith of demons...v.19

Notice 2 things...

First...If one claims to be in Christ but shows no evidence of that faith he is not in Christ.

Second... Just because someone does good deeds doesn't make him a Christian.

Truth #2... If It's to be Known It Must Be Shown...vs. 21-26

The nature of saving faith...

1. Saving faith is opposite of worthless faith.
2. Claims are matched by conduct.
3. As it talks, so it walks.
4. It proves its sincerity by its action.
5. It trusts to the point of dependence.
6. It loves to the point of obedience.
7. It does not take Jesus as Savior of the Soul while refusing to follow Him as Lord of life.
8. It denies self, it moves mountains, it knows answered prayer, it loves others!
9. It is like His Spirit, which sent Him to the cross to die because He believed in the potential worth of man.
10. It shares in the Cross by taking up a personal cross & following Jesus daily.
11. It is made known by a lifestyle pleasing to the Lord.