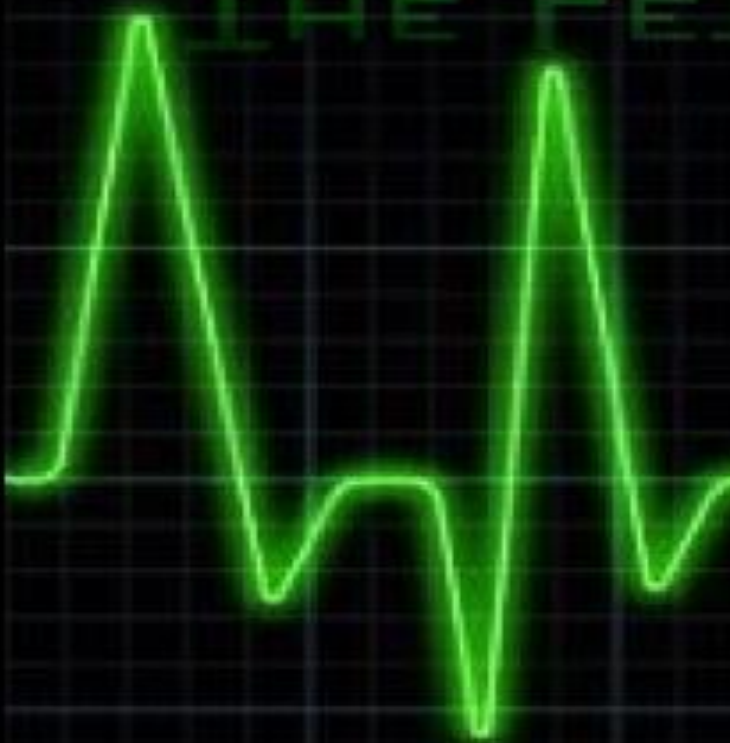


THE LETTER OF **JAMES**



FAITH WITHOUT

DEEDS IS... DEAD

FRAUD

FOOLISH

FRUITLESS

I. The Questions about faith? v14

- *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

James has already revealed some of these works:

- **Endurance in 1:3**
- **Perseverance in 1:12**
- **Purity of life in 1:21**
- **Obedience to Scripture in 1:22-23**
- **Compassion for the needy in 1:27**
- **Impartiality in 2:1-9**
- **Later in the book, we will see: Acts of compassion, Control of the tongue, humility, truthfulness, and patience.**

II. The Description of a Dead Faith. vv15-17

- *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^[a] is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

WALK THE TALK

III. The Deception of a Living Faith. vv18-20

- ***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! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?***



LIVING

FAITH

IV. The Instructions of a Living Faith. vv21 -26

Exhibit A - Abraham

- 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; 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.***

IV. The Instructions of a Living Faith – vv25-26

Exhibit B - Rahab

- ***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.***

The Takeaway: The Transformation in Salvation.

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

- **From being a fraud to being a friend of God.**
- **From being foolish to following Godly wisdom.**
- **From a fruitless life to being a fruit bearer.**

**A final question James might ask if he were here:
What proof of your faith can I write about?**