

**“SHOW ME YOUR FAITH’ . . .
A Vibrant Walk”**

James 2:14 – 26

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| <i>1. WHAT VALUE IS FAITH WITHOUT WORKS?</i> | <i>14</i> |
| <i>2. FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS USELESS AND DEAD</i> | <i>15 – 17</i> |
| <i>3. FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS INVISIBLE AND BARREN</i> | <i>18 – 20</i> |
| <i>4. FAITH WITH WORKS IS SEEN, FRUITFUL AND OF GREAT VALUE</i> | <i>21 - 26</i> |

James continues to challenge the brethren “to receive the word implanted” and prove themselves “doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”* (James 1:21, 22) He challenges them to live a vibrant Christian faith, bearing the fruit of good works (compare Ephesians 2:8-10).

Faith without works is useless to others, and cannot save oneself from the consequences of an idle and/or disobedient Christianity (compare 1:21; 5:20; 1 John 5:16). **Walk by faith.**

Do James and Paul contradict one another? No.

James is referring to being justified in the sight of men, and to a believer being saved from the consequences of sin. “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men . . .” (Luke 16:15)*

Paul is referring to being justified in the sight of God, and to an unbeliever being saved from eternal condemnation. “Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight . . .” (Rom. 3:20)*

**Scripture quotations from the New American Standard Bible.*