## What type of faith do you have?

#### Faith Without Works Is Dead (James 2:14-26)

"What good is it, my brothers..."

#### **Analogy**

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• This is in many ways is a picture of Christians within the Church...

## James 2:14-17 "What good is it, my brothers...

- <u>James 2:14</u> opening proposition. Diatribe style, a hypothetical question and answer style of arguing against an imaginary opponent (or objector) while building a case for his position.
  - o **Deuteronomy 15:7-11** "If among you, one of your brothers should become.."
    - Acts 2:44-45 And all who believed were together and had all things in...
  - o <u>1 John 3:17-19</u> "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need
  - o <u>James 2:17</u> "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."
    - Faith that has no works does not work, its DEAD...

## James 2:18-19 "But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me..."

- James 2:18a "But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works."
- James 2:18b "show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you..."
- James 2:19 "You believe that God is one; you do well..."
- **Philippians 2:12-13 -** "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed..."

# James 2:20-23 - "Do you want to be shown, you foolish person..."

- <u>James 2:20</u> "Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?"
- <u>James 2:21-23</u> "Was not Abraham our father justified by works when..."
  - o **Romans 4:2-3 -** "For if Abraham was justified by works, he has..."
- James 2:21-22 "Was not Abraham our father justified by works"
  - Romans 4:21-22 "No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God..."
  - o Hebrews Chapter 11
    - Verses 1-9 However, the entire chapter is relevant to the topic and good for future reading.
  - o **Hebrews 11:6** "without faith it is impossible to please him..."

## **James 2:24-26** - "You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone..."

- James 2:24
  - o **Romans 3:28** -"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works..."

#### Conclusion

- 2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith..."
- Matthew 12:30 "Whoever is not with me is against me,
- Luke 9:23 "If anyone would come after me..."