

SESSION 11
JAMES 2. 18-26

In the previous session we considered the radical transforming power of saving faith in Jesus Christ that changes the spiritual trajectory of a life producing a walk that progressively resembles that of Christ Jesus Himself. In this session James concludes his exhortation regarding faith, that for faith to be complete it must produce works that reveal the truth of its validity.

THE DRIVE TRAIN OF FAITH AND WORKS

Gal 2.20 -----> Eph 2.8-10-----> Phil 2. 12b-13
Faith Faith + Works Works

V18 What is the point James is making in this verse?

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V 19 What now is the attack James is making on the "faith-filled workless" believer?

V 20-23 What now is James doing to bolster his argument that faith apart from works is dead?

V 20 What is James' attitude in this verse?

Gen 22.1-19

What is remarkable about Abraham's faith in this account?

What actually did Abraham's faith do? Heb 11.17-19

V 21-22 In these verses, what are the 2 major conclusions regarding faith that James is making?

Fullness of faith always incorporates works in its definition. Works in Christ that unfold upon the platform of faith in Christ give all glory to 'God alone. The spark of faith ignites the flame of works that reveal the truth of Christ in the life.

V 23 How does James sum up Abraham's life?

John 15.14

John 14.15

V 24-25 James repeats his firm conclusion in 24 and then goes on to provide another example from the scriptures of faith in action.

Josh 2.1-20

Josh 6. 22-25

Heb 11.31

V 26 What do you think of this closing remark?