

James 2:12-13 (NIV)

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, [13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

James 2:14 (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?
Can such faith save him?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [9] Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Faith PLUS Works?

James 2:14-19

James 2:1 (NIV)

My brothers, **AS BELIEVERS** in
our **glorious Lord Jesus Christ**,
don't show **FAVORITISM**.

James 2:8-9 (NIV)

If you really **keep the royal law** found in
Scripture, "**Love your neighbor as
yourself**," you are doing right.

But **if you show favoritism, YOU SIN...**

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FAITH and Deeds

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That **KIND** of **faith** cannot **SAVE** him
from **God's DISCIPLINE** as a believer.

Good works in addition to **faith**

are **necessary** for that kind of

deliverance or salvation. Constable

DEAD does not mean

NON-EXISTENT

but **inactive**, **dormant**, and

useless. Constable

→ James teaching **CONTRADICTS**
the Teachings of Paul

Romans 3:28 (NIV)

For we maintain that a man is
JUSTIFIED by **FAITH** apart from
observing the law.

Paul's teaching about **faith** and works
focuses on the time **BEFORE**
conversion...

James' focus is **AFTER**
conversion. PTW

Paul denies any value to
PRE-CONVERSION works...

James is pleading for the **absolute**
necessity of **POST-CONVERSION** works.

Paul says **WORKS** cannot
bring us to Christ

James says **AFTER** we come to
Christ **WORKS** are essential. PTW

Paul's message communicates the
required **FOUNDATION**

James' directs a **lifelong**
BUILDING project. LABC

➤ Paul and James were describing -
Faith BEFORE salvation
and **Faith AFTER salvation**

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

For it is **BY GRACE** you have **BEEN
SAVED**, **through FAITH** - and this
not from yourselves, it is **the gift of God** -
not by works, so that no one can boast.

[10] For we are God's workmanship,
created **IN** Christ Jesus
to **DO** good works,
which God prepared in **advance** for
us **TO DO.**

People are **justified by Faith ALONE,**
but **NOT** by a **FAITH** that **IS ALONE.**
Genuine FAITH will produce good deeds,
but **only FAITH** in Christ **saves.**

M. Luther

→ Our **FIRST** Responsibility is to our
Brothers and Sisters

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)

If anyone **has material possessions** and
SEES his brother in NEED but has no pity on
him, **how can the love of God be in him?**

[18] Dear children, **let us NOT love with
words** or tongue **but with actions and in truth.**

→ Works are **NOT** the **ROOT** of Faith

Works **ARE** the **FRUIT** of Faith

James' **discussion** is not intended
to be used to **SIFT** the **faith** of **OTHERS**,
but **RATHER**
as a **tool** to **WEIGH** our **own FAITH**. LABC

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel: The **LORD** our **God**,
the **LORD** is **ONE**.

Paul emphasized the **PURPOSE** of faith
- to bring **SALVATION**.

James emphasized the **RESULTS** of
faith - a **CHANGED life**. LABC

Simply say in your heart to the Lord...

- I am **LOST** and I need a Savior
- Jesus **You** are the **ONLY** way
- I put my **FAITH** and **TRUST** in You

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

For HE CHOSE us IN HIM

BEFORE the creation of the world

to be holy and blameless

in His sight...

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's workmanship,

created IN Christ Jesus

to DO good works,

which God prepared in advance

for us **to do.**

Change my heart oh God -
make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God -
May I be like You.

You are the Potter I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray.

Change my heart oh God -
make it ever true.

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May I be like You.