

## James 2:12-13 (NIV)

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[13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

James 2:14 (NIV)

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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)

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**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.

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