

# THE PURPOSE OF YOUR FAITH

*James 2:14-26*

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*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. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*



*-Ephesians 2:8-10*

# Two Important Facts:

The ORDER OF THE WORDS

GRACE

FAITH

WORKS



# Two Important Facts:

1. The ORDER OF THE WORDS
2. The three PREPOSITIONS
  - a) BY grace
  - b) THROUGH faith
  - c) FOR good works



**REAL GRACE AND REAL FAITH**

**ARE NOT JUST...**

Something you **SAY**



*Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.*

*If one of you **SAYS** to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?*

*-James 2:15-16*



*...a faith which has no deeds often has abundant talk. The people who least live their creeds are not seldom the people who shout loudest about them. The paralysis which affects the arms does not, in these cases interfere with the tongue.*

*-Alexander MacLaren*



# THE PURPOSE FOR YOUR FAITH IS NOT JUST...

1. Something you SAY

2. Something you THINK



# PEANUTS



*But someone will say,  
“you have faith; I have  
deeds.”*

***SHOW ME** your faith  
without deeds, and I will  
show you my faith by what  
I do.*

*-James 2:18*



*You can't see  
them but you  
sure do see  
the results!*



*If you're saved  
and you know it,  
then your life will  
surely show it.*



*If you were  
arrested for being a  
Christian,  
would there be  
enough evidence to  
convict you?*



# REAL FAITH SHOWS IN A LIFE!

1. Something you SAY

2. Something you THINK

3. Something you BELIEVE



You **BELIEVE** that there is  
one God. Good! Even the  
demons **BELIEVE** that —  
and shudder.

-James 2:19



*Motion is the test of  
life. A 'faith' which  
does nothing, which  
moves no limb, is a  
**CORPSE**.*

*-Alexander MacLaren*



**REAL, FAITH**

**YIELD REAL WORKS:**

*You foolish man, do you  
want evidence that faith  
without deeds is  
useless?*

*-James 2:20*



# Think of how these two characters contrast:

**Abraham:**

**MAN**

**JEW**

**PATRIARCH**

**SOMEBODY**

**MAJOR** Bible Character

**HOLY**

**Rahab:**

**WOMAN**

Non-**JEW**

**PROSTITUTE**

**NOBODY**

**MINOR** Bible Character

**HARLOT**



*By Grace...  
through faith...  
for good works.  
-Ephesians 2:8-10*





*Our faith is not*  
**DETERMINED**

*by what we do...*

*It is* **DEMONSTRATED**

*by what we do.*

*-Rick Warren*









