

Two Kinds of Faith

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James 2.14-26

Churches and religions have long argued over how a person is made right with God. Some say we must do good works to earn our way to heaven; others say it is just a matter of believing the right things that determines where we stand with God. In this passage, James highlights deeds, not as a way to *earn* our way to heaven but to *prove* the reality of the faith we claim. Yes, there are two kinds of faith: **dead** and **alive**. Which is yours?

Characteristics of a dead (or useless) faith

- _____-spiritual (v. 14-17)
No _____
No _____ taken
- Useless: will not _____! (v. 14, 20)
- Mere _____ assent (v. 19)

Characteristics of a living faith

- _____ by action (v. 16-17)
- _____ by works (v. 18)
- _____ by deeds (v. 22)

Is your faith animated by works?

Are you merely “claiming” to have faith?

Make sure that you are not fooling others—and yourself.

Place your faith in Jesus and truly call him your Lord!