

**HOW TO HAVE REAL FAITH**  
**Developing a Faith That Works - Part 7A**  
**James 2:14-26**

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead." (vs. 17)

**I. WHO IS RIGHT - JAMES OR PAUL? \_\_\_\_\_**

	Paul (Gal. 2:16)	&	James (James 2:24)
Problem:	"Legalism"		"Laxity"
"WORKS"	Jewish laws		Christian lifestyle
Focus:	"Root of salvation"		"Fruit of salvation"
	(internal/unseen)		(external/seen)
Purpose:	How to <u>know</u>		How to <u>show</u>
	I'm a Christian		I'm a Christian

"For it is BY GRACE you have been saved THROUGH FAITH ...  
FOR a life of GOOD WORKS which God has already prepared for  
us to do." Eph. 2:8-10 (GN)

**II. WHAT IS REAL FAITH?**

**1. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man CLAIMS to have faith, but  
has no deeds? Can such "faith" save him?" (vs. 14)

Matthew 7:20-23

**2. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

"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?" (vs. 15-  
16)

"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?" 1 John 3:17  
Also 3:14-16, 4:7-20

(vs. 17)

**3. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

"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." (vs. 18)

2 Corinthians 5:17

**4. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe  
that -- and shudder!" (vs. 19)

**5. REAL FAITH IS SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

Illustrations: Two very different people

\* Abraham (vs. 20-24)

\* Rahab (vs. 25)

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in  
the faith; test yourselves