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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**11/01/12 - Faith + Works = Love**

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James 2:20-26

James is basically saying that Abraham was proven to be "right with God" by what he did. The discussion of faith versus works can get very confusing at times. While some wrongly feel justified by their "Christian activity," others feel completely comfortable to sit passively by and do nothing because they are "saved by faith." They feel no responsibility to "do" anything.

Are Christian deeds done to save us or are they the evidence that we are in fact saved? We know that we are saved by grace through faith. The Bible tells us that there is nothing we have done and there is nothing we can do to earn our way into heaven. Nevertheless, the Bible speaks plainly about a faith that is active and alive.

We are not justified by what we do in any way, shape, or form. On the other hand, true faith always results in good deeds, but don't ever assume the deeds alone can justify us. Faith brings us salvation; but active obedience demonstrates that our faith is alive and real.