

Faith and Good Works

Description

James 2:14-19

James is an author who cares deeply about the connection between what we believe and what we say. For James, faith cannot be separated from good works, and good works cannot be separated from faith. They are one and the same, continuously feeding into one another.

If the people of God are those who only promise someone our “thoughts and prayers,” without considering that we may in fact be part of God’s work in their life, we just might be missing what faith is all about. When we are people who come to love and know Jesus deeply, our love and desire to be with others will grow and grow. Our faith and trust in the One who cares deeply, loves deeply, and desires for justice to “roll like a river” (Amos 5:24) will become our characteristics and desires as well.

Our faith ought to transform our works, and our works ought to transform our faith. The more good works we are a part of, the more we will understand the character of Jesus, which will transform us. It is a beautiful cycle.

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