

21 ☐ The General Epistle of James

Lesson 9 Chapter 2:14-18

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14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. James 2:14-18

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14 What *doth it* profit, (v.16, Mk 8:36)

my brethren, (*sixth time in the book*)

though a man say he hath faith,

and have not works? (Lk 18:18-23)

can faith save him? *Who is asking, Who is he asking, and when?*

(Acts 2:42-46, 32, 36-37. 5:1-4) *Contrast with this present age:*

Galatians 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

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15 If a brother or sister be naked, (Lk 3:11, Jas 2:6)

and destitute of daily food, (Mt 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread" & Mt 25:34-40)

Matthew 25:34 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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When is James asking these questions? After the cross, before Paul's ministry has begun, and he is asking the twelve tribes scattered.

- *Historically, look at the timeline – James 1:1, Acts 11:19, 27-30.*
- *Doctrinally, Rightly Divide the scriptures to see the scriptures*
- *Practically, application can be made to many people at different times.*

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• James 1:1 "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting."

• Acts 11:19 "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but

unto the Jews only."

- Acts 11:27 "And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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16 And one of you say unto them,
Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;

1 John 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

1 John 3:17 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

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17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead,
Verse 20:

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

Verse 26:

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."
being alone. [Margin: Gr. *By itself*.]

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18 Yea, a man may say,
Thou hast faith, and I have works:
shew me thy faith without thy works,

(Hebrews 6:10: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.")
and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

(Matthew 7:16: "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.")

Compare with what Paul says to the Body of Christ! Eph. 2:7-9, Ro 3:27.