

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Open up the heavens
The Joy

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Holy forever
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Give us your courage

BIBLE READING James 2:14-26 (Church Bible page 1266)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Before the throne of God above



Faith in action ~2 How to have an active faith. James 2:14-26

'What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?' James 2:14 ESV

DEFINING FAITH AND WORKS:

Faith _____ God
and faith _____ God.

Works is a life of loving _____
and loving _____.

1. If I have a faith without works, its _____.
'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?' James 2:15-16 NIV

'The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
Matthew 25:40-43 NIV

**2. If I have a faith without works,
it cannot _____.**

'In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 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. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?' James 2:17-20 NIV

1. _____ **me your faith.**

'You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.' James 2:19 NIV

2. _____ **agreement to correct doctrine is not salvation.**

'Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?' James 2:21-25 NIV

3. **If I have a faith without works, it's _____.**

'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.'
James 2:17 NIV

'As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.'
James 2:26 NIV



1. If someone says they are a Christian, but is unkind toward others, what message does that send?
2. Read James 2:15-17, Matthew 25:40-43. What is the difference between fake faith and real faith, according to James 2:15-17 and Matthew 25:40-43?
3. Read James 2:18. How would you respond to someone who wants to debate faith in God?
4. Someone as big as God can't come into your life without changing you. What is one way God has changed you?
5. Read James 2:19-20. Why isn't it enough to say you believe in God?
 - Which of these fake faith traps do you more typically fall into: just words, an emotion, an idea I debate, a truth I believe? How might you avoid that trap?
 - Why is real faith something we do?
6. Read James 2:21-25. The stories of Abraham and Rahab showed their faith by their actions. What would it look like for you to trust God the way they did? If your story were in the Bible, what would we read about you?
7. *'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.'* Ephesians 2:8-10 TEV Paul clearly establishes a relationship between grace, faith, and works in salvation. Faith and action, just as trust and obedience, are inseparable. Why is it significant that God has *already* prepared the works for us to do? What does it mean for our purpose in life?



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