

Romans 4:2-3: *"If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."*

Ephesians 2:8-9: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."*

3. It turns salvation from a _____ into an _____ on God's part.

Romans 4:3-5: *"What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness."*

4. It makes it impossible to determine when you've _____.

5. It keeps you from the assurance of _____ you are _____.

Ephesians 2:8: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith"*

1 John 5:13: *"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

Error #3: Faith = _____ - _____.

James 2:14-17: *"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?"*

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? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

The True Relationship Between Faith and Works

Truth #1: Genuine faith is more than _____ acceptance.

James 2:18-19: *"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."*

Truth #2. Genuine faith _____ works as a _____ of true salvation.

THE CORRECT VIEW

Faith = _____ resulting in _____.

Does Faith result in Works?

THE EVIDENCE:

Ephesians 2:8-10: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

1. The evidence from _____ life
(James 2:20-24).

➡ Abraham first _____ and was made
_____ by God (Genesis 15:6).

➡ Abraham's belief *resulted in* _____ (Gen.
22:8-10).

2. The evidence from _____ life
(James 2:25).

➡ Rahab first _____ in God (Joshua 2:8-11).

➡ Rahab's faith resulted in _____ (Joshua 2:1-4).

THE FINAL WORD...

Who or what are you trusting in to give you salvation? Do you trust in your own good works, a good lifestyle, your family heritage, intellectual agreement with a set of propositions or beliefs, *or upon a person named* _____? The person who trusts in Jesus Christ _____ for salvation will inevitably have a faith that *results* in good works.

Stand Alone Message: "What's Works Got to Do with It?"

James 2:14-26

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INTRODUCTION:

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH & WORKS: *Three Errors*

Error #1: Works = _____.

Error #2: Faith + _____ = _____.

What's wrong with including "*works*" as a means of salvation?

1. It _____ true _____.

Ephesians 2:8: "*For it is by grace you have been saved*"

What is grace?

Grace is God's _____ and _____
_____ towards sinners.

2. It enables us to _____ that we
saved ourselves.