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FAITH THAT WORKS

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**Do I believe
as much as
the devil?**

**FAITH
THAT
WORKS**

What's the relationship between FAITH and WORKS?

The *perceived* problem

James 2:14

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

The *perceived* problem

James: Faith alone is dead

James 2:17

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

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Paul: Faith alone saves

Ephesians 2:8-9

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James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! ...

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James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

True Saving

FAITH WILL

produce

REAL

FRUIT

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James 2:24

**You see that a person is considered righteous
by what they do and not by faith alone.**

What are THE
WORKS IN
YOU THAT
demonstrate
THAT you are a
CHRISTIAN?

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James 2:15-16

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

Do I think that MY
WORKS will get me
right with God?

Am I trying to earn God's love by the
things that I do?

Am I driven by DUTY or DESIRE?

Do I behave like that in my other
relationships?

Do I think that MY
BELIEFS alone are
enough?

Am I only believing as much as the
devil?

Am I trusting my beliefs (religious
habits) to demonstrate I'm a Christian
rather than my behaviour?

What about me would tell James I was
a Christian?

