

WISDOM TO PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

James 2:14-26

PAUL AND JAMES

Obedience of Faith

- Romans 1:5; 6:17-18; 16:26
- Active, not Passive 4:12
- “Only” was in Paul’s letter to Rome (1:32; 3:29; 4:12)
- But.....
- “Faith” and “Only” were NEVER used together

Faith Working

- James 2:17,19,24,26
- Active, not Passive 1:22
- “Only” was in James’ Letter
- But....
- NOT hearers ONLY – 1:22
- NOT faith ONLY – 2:24

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Romans Discusses

- Works of Law Cannot Justify
 - Boasts no need for Jesus
 - Glories in self
 - If Works were Perfect, no need of Grace
 - Baptism would not be needed/required
 - But, grace teaches one to be baptized into Christ 6:3-5

James Discusses

- Works of Faith Justify
 - All because of desire/need for Jesus
 - Glorifies Jesus
 - Works because of grace
 - Grace teaches
 - Baptism is needed/required

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PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

- **What good is religion or faith that does not modify behavior?**
 - **Can faith alone save a man?**
 - **Claiming faith versus showing faith**
 - **The faith of Abraham moved him to action 20-24**
 - **Faith moved Rahab to action 25**
 - **Faith and works are to be as inseparable as the body and spirit**
 - **When separated it is dead, useless**
 - **Can one be saved by a dead faith?**

FAITH MUST LEAD TO ACTS OF MERCY

- **Jesus is about mercy**
 - **Faith in Jesus must be about showing mercy**
 - **Mercy is seen in acts of compassion**
 - **Pure religion 1:27**
 - **Receive mercy first –Acts 2:36-41**
 - **Extend mercy afterwards –Acts 2:43f**