



# Faith Alive!

*Bogus Faith*

James 2:14-19



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## **Introduction**

**Goal: spiritual health/wellness**

**Means: the Bible**

**Method: exposition**

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#### **Summary:**

- **‘Faith’ that doesn’t show itself in action is bogus faith (monopoly money!).**
- **‘Spirituality’ that doesn’t result in a life that is being transformed is as dead as a body without breath (a corpse).**
- **‘Bible knowledge’ that only fills our heads but doesn’t change our lives is nothing less than demonic.**

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### **Faith & Works – Paul & James**

- ‘Conflict’ between them? No, but see Martin Luther...
- Paul:
  - ‘a man is justified by faith apart from works/deeds of the law’      Rom 3:28
  - ‘a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Christ’      Gal 2:16
- James:
  - ‘a person is justified by works and not by faith alone...’      2:24

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- **‘Paul: no one can be saved by good works  
James: saving faith leads to good works**
- **Good works are not the root, but are the fruit**

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### **Bringing the Text to Light**

#### **Vs. 14**

- ‘What good is it...?’  
See I Cor 15:32
- ‘Can *that* kind of faith save him?’  
No!

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**Vs 15,16**

- *go warm yourself ... go feed yourself ...  
and good luck to you!*

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**Vs 15,16**

**Vs. 17**

- **Dead faith is faith alone**
- **Real faith is never single, always married...**

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**Vs 15,16**

**Vs. 17**

**Vs. 18-19**

- ‘you have your truth, I have mine’
- ‘Well then, but notice the company you keep...’
- Faith without works is dead and dangerous!

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**Vs 15,16**

**Vs. 17**

**Vs. 18-19**

**See: Matt 3:7-8; Matt 7:21; I John 3:7-10**

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**Personal Application**

*Good fruit in keeping with repentance...*