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OUTLINE

A. Faith that works is vindicated by love.

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The word “*theology*” simply means ‘*the study of God.*’ When we study the Bible our primary goal is to grow in our knowledge of Him and as we draw near, to become more like Him.

- Many people today think they worship the one true God but in reality they follow a god they invented themselves.
- When we quote John 3:16 to people, the God we are thinking about and the god they are thinking about may be completely different.
- James could have chosen many different attributes to focus on in this section but the Holy Spirit moved him to choose **impartiality**.

The Bible tells us that God is completely impartial, He does not care if you are a CEO or a janitor. Let’s remind ourselves what the Bible has to say about this very important attribute of God. (2 Chronicles 19:7, Deuteronomy 10:17, Acts 10:34-35, 1 Timothy 5:21)

“The way we behave toward people indicates what we really believe about God! We cannot – and dare not – separate human relationships from divine fellowship.”

DR. WARREN WIERSBE

1. Real faith works to make us like Christ. (James 2:1)

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2. Real faith works to make us impartial like Christ. (James 2:2-4)

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles **in one point**, he has become guilty of all.

JAMES 2:10

3. Real faith works to make us gracious like Christ. (James 2:5)

“For He who said, “DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” also said, “DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, **you have become a transgressor of the law.**”

JAMES 2:11

“But **you have dishonoured the poor man**. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? ⁷Do they not **blaspheme** the fair name by which you have been called?”

JAMES 2:6-7

“**So speak and so act** as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.”

JAMES 2:12

4. Real faith works to make us love like Christ. (James 2:8)

In verse 9, James shifts to the negative example of someone that continues to show favouritism. **(James 2:9)**

“For **judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy**; mercy triumphs over judgment.”

JAMES 2:13

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“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

1. Real faith works, it is not dead. (James 2:14)

B. Faith that works is vindicated by works.

Throughout this incredible book is the underlying theme of our salvation. James measures everything in our lives against our claim to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

- In chapter 1:22 he tells us that hearers who do not obey are just deluding themselves.
- There are different kinds of faith but only one kind can save a person and bring them into a right relationship with God.
- Real saving faith is seen in a transformed life that produces fruit.

“It is faith alone that justifies but faith that justifies can never be alone.”

JOHN CALVIN (1509 - 1564)

Matthew 3:7-8,10; Matthew 7:21; John 8:31

Many claim to believe in God and many claim to believe in Jesus but **never** come to genuine repentance and saving faith.

- a. Parable of the soils. (Luke 8:11-15)
- b. Parable of the tares. (Matthew 13:36-43)
- c. Parable of the branches. (John 15:1-8)
- d. Parable of the foundations. (Matthew 7:24-27)

“If a **brother or sister** is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, **what use is that?**”

JAMES 2:15-16

“Even so faith, if it has no works, **is dead**, being by itself.”

JAMES 2:17

2. Real faith works, it is not demonic. (James 2:18)

“You believe that is one. You do well;
the demons also believe, and shudder.”

JAMES 2:19

“You see that **faith was working with his works,**
and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;”

JAMES 2:22

3. Real faith works, it is dynamic. (James 2:20)

“and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM
BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS
RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and **he was called the friend of God.**”

JAMES 2:23

“Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**
when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

JAMES 2:21

“You see that a man is justified by works and **not by faith alone.**”

JAMES 2:24

“Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**
when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

JAMES 2:21

“In the same way, **was not Rahab the harlot also justified**
by works when she received the messengers and
sent them out by another way?”

JAMES 2:25

