

## *Faith Without Works Is Dead*

### **James 2:14-26**

#### Main Point:

Faith without works is dead; therefore, demonstrate your living faith by obeying the Lord.

1. Living faith is always expressed in good works of obedience.

2. This is the universal message of Scripture.

3. This is universally true for God's people.

## Cross-References and Quotations

**Anthony Selvaggio**, "James is not teaching that our salvation is *dependent* on our works, but rather he is teaching that our salvation is *demonstrated* by our works."

**Matthew 7:16-17** <sup>16</sup> "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. (NKJV)

**John 15:8** <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (ESV)

**Romans 3:28** <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (NKJV)

**Anthony Selvaggio** "Yes, Paul and James have two different messages, but they are complementary rather than contradictory ..."

**Genesis 22:12** <sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me." (NKJV)

**John 15:14** <sup>14</sup> "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. (NKJV)