



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
BEARING THE FRUIT OF A SAVING FAITH
JAMES 2:14-26

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1. Understand _____
(vv. 14-17)

James 2:14–26 (ESV)

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2. Go _____
(vv. 18-20)

18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

3. Be _____
(vv. 21-26)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Although we can all agree that we are saved by grace alone through faith, what type of “good works” did you start doing after you were saved? How have those “good works” increased over time?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 and then review this equation: The Gospel + The Response = Being a Christian + Good Works. How might this equation change the way you “test” your walk with Christ? How might it change the way you evangelize?
3. Review your notes and share with the group something that you learned this week or something that challenged you. How can you implement this learning or accept the challenge?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Have you ever been tempted to only know the facts about God without being obedient to His commands? Why is this such a dangerous temptation to give in to?
5. How can you have assurance of your salvation? How does having assurance change the way you practically live your life?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

MacArthur, John. *The Gospel According to Jesus*. Zondervan, 1994.

Fabarez, Mike. *Exploring the Gospel*. Focal Point Ministries, 2014.

MacArthur, John. *Saved Without a Doubt*. David C Cook, 2011.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that many in our community would come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ!

Pray for those in our church who are saved to have assurance.

Pray for those who are lost in our church to respond to the gospel in repentance and faith.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray that the men of CBCTV will grow in spiritual leadership through A Call to Arms throughout the month of March.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
2/22	Leviticus 12-13	Psalms 27:1-6	Matthew 15:29-39	Acts 16:25-40
2/23	Leviticus 14	Psalms 27:7-14	Matthew 16:1-12	Acts 17:1-9
2/24	Leviticus 15	Psalms 28	Matthew 16:13-20	Acts 17:10-21
2/25	Leviticus 16-18	Psalms 29	Matthew 16:21-28	Acts 17:22-34
2/26	Leviticus 19-20	Psalms 30:1-7	Matthew 17:1-13	Acts 18:1-17
2/27	Leviticus 21-22	Psalms 30:8-12	Matthew 17:14-27	Acts 18:18-28