Growing in Faith

James 2:14–26

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INTRODUCTION

"Can faith save him?" There are various types of faith, and there must be some evidence of the right kind of faith.

James 2:14 *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?*

John 15:5–8

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

"The only evidence of true saving faith is a transformed life." (John MacArthur)

I. _____

A. A _____ Faith (vv. 14–17)

1. A Profession of _____ (v. 14)

   Illustrated in verses 15–16.

2. A Perilous _____ (v. 17)

   James 2:17 *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

B. A _____ Faith (vv. 18–23)

1. A _____ Faith (v. 18)

   Faith should be visible and verifiable!

2. A _____ Faith (vv. 19–20)

   Knowledge alone cannot save you! A true faith in God will deepen and develop and produce fruit.

3. A _____ Faith (vv. 21–23)

   Abraham's faith meant nothing… until it was tested and proven genuine.

C. A _____ Faith (vv. 24, 26)

James 2:26

Summary: Transformation is the operative word. Change is the evidence of faith.

Romans 12:3

Not every Christian has the same measure of faith, but all that have some measure should be growing!

Some Bible questions to ask…

1. Did faith cause you to _____?

   Romans 12:1–2

2. Did faith cause you to _____?

   2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Timothy 4:16; Colossians 1:21–23; 1 John 2:19

II. _____

A. A _____ Application

Each of us have to examine our own faith. Does it line up with the Word of God?

2 Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves…*

If faith has changed you from what you were… there is growth.

B. A _____ Application

Often, in a misguided attempt to comfort ourselves, we project faith on others where there is no faith!

Can a Christian sin? Absolutely, but with the sin comes the chastening hand of the Lord, Holy Spirit conviction and confession followed by forgiveness and restoration.

The great danger: you will pray for their revival rather than salvation!

TAKE IT HOME

They are lost! They need you to desperately pray for them, to plead with God for their souls.

MY NOTES