

James 2:19, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well:
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James 2:14-26, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

I. The Disturbing Faith Of Demons

1. It resembles the kind of faith that the average church member has today.

2. They believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:23-24, "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I KNOW THEE WHO THOU ART, THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

Mark 5:7, "And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, JESUS, THOU SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

3. They believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.

Mark 3:11, "And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, THOU ART THE SON OF GOD."

Matthew 16:16, "And Simon Peter answered and said, THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

Acts 16:16-17, "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation."

4. They believe in the inerrancy of Scripture.

Matthew 4:5-6, "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

5. They believe in hell.

Revelation 12:12, "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Matthew 8:28-29, "And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"

Acts 9:6, "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

II. The Deficiency Of Demonic Faith

1. It exhibits no enthusiasm for Jesus Christ.

2. It does not lead to repentance.

Matthew 3:2, "And saying, REPENT ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 13:3, "I tell you, Nay: but, EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH."

Luke 24:46-47, "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but NOW COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERY WHERE TO REPENT:"

Romans 2:4, "the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, FELIX TREMBLED, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

3. It is lacking in good works.

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY."

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, Created In Christ Jesus Unto Good Works."

John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: for without me ye can do nothing."

4. It does not affect behavior.

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."

Romans 8:9, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, HE IS NONE OF HIS."

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

2 Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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

III. What Kind Of Faith Do You Have?

1. Does it produce good works?

James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

2. Does it lead to repentance?

3. Does it affect your behavior?

4. Does it cause you to be enthusiastic about Jesus Christ?

IV. What Can I Do?

1. Ask God to reveal to you the state of your own heart.

2. You need to narrow your interest to eternal priorities.

Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:"

2 Corinthians 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Matthew 3:8, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:"

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."