



Growth Group Questions
July 13, 2025
“Christian or Walking Corpse”

SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless^[a]? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,”^[b] and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Romans 3:28

²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we reconcile the Apostle Paul’s doctrine of justification by faith found in Romans 3:28 with James’ emphasis on the need for good works accompanying faith?
2. Why is the example of demons found in James 2:19 so important for us to understand?
3. What does it mean that faith without works is dead? (James 2:26)
4. What is the difference between a living faith and a dead faith?
5. What are some practical examples of good works that accompany a living faith?
6. How does what we read in Matthew 7:21 relate to the idea of a living faith versus a dead faith?
7. How can we ensure that our faith is not merely intellectual agreement but is a living faith that produces good actions?
8. Abe spoke of “discipleship in motion.” What that phrase say to you?