

“Reformation Part 2- Faith Without Works is Dead” 11/5/17
James 2:14-26

Which kind of faith? – Matt 7:21-23; John 2:23-25; Eph 2:8-9; 2 Cor 5:7;
Hebrews 11:6

“Faith is not believing in spite of evidence, but obeying in spite of consequences”-unknown

LESSON 1- To be mature we must recognize that there is a faith that is DEAD

- A. Dead faith is a faith that uses a lot of words, but has no ACTION
(2:14; works: James 1:1-2:13; Titus 1:16; Matt 15:7-8; Luke 3:7-14)
- B. Dead faith is a faith that understands, but lacks OBEDIENCE
(2:15-17; 1 John 3:17-18; Ezek 36:26-27; Eph 2:10; 1 John 3:8-9)

“My dear children let us not love in word and tongue, but in deed and in truth” 1 John 3:18

Going Deeper God wants us to have more than just an Intellectual Faith!

LESSON 2- To be mature we must recognize that there is a faith that is DEMONIC

- A. A demonic faith has all the right theology, but lacks true CHANGE
(2:18-19; Mark 1:24; 3:11; 5:7; Matt 8:29- torment; 13:20- with joy, falls)

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LESSON 3- To be mature we must recognize that there is a faith that is DYNAMIC

- A. A dynamic faith is one that that is never WORKLESS
(2:20-25; Gen 15:6; 22:1-19; Rom 4; Joshua 2, 6; Mic 5:2 → Matt 2:1)
- B. A dynamic faith is one that is active and will also be COMMENDED
(2:26; Hebrews 11:2- 40; it is not like a corpse which has no life)

Going Deeper God wants to have a faith that is living and active and obedient!

If you don't have the kind of faith that avoids sin, repents, works, obeys, when no one is looking, you need to examine yourself to see whether you are truly saved (2 Corinthians 13:5)