

Lessons For The Church Lessons For You!

“Psst... your faith is showing!”

Reference: **James 2**

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What is faith?

Reference: **Hebrews 11:1**

Today, let’s search this chapter to find answers on where we stand as individuals as to “Where our faith lies?”

I. Where does God stand in your life?

- A. The chapter begins with the rich and the poor.
 - 1. Judgment is cast and favor is given to the rich man, due to his higher look than that of the poor man.
 - 2. James reminds us of the passage from **Matthew 5** about God choosing the poor of the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom of the world.
- B. A Christian is to be Christ-like – possessing all of what is called “fruit” of the Spirit.
- C. What do others see in you?
- D. What does **God** see in You?
 - 1. Himself or the world?
 - 2. No matter how good you are or what you DO will get you to Heaven!

II. “Faith without works is dead” – It’s a worthless attempt. In the end, works don’t matter without the faith involved, or without faith motivating the ‘Why’ you do those works.

- A. Faith in Jesus Christ will and does get you to Heaven!
- B. If you have faith, those works you do as a result will show!
(**vs. 18**)
- C. Real faith in Jesus Christ, His death, burial and resurrection, will be realized through your works, through your actions, and through your deeds.
Reference: **Ephesians 2:8-9**
 - 1. Not of ourselves, anything that we have done – Those things should be a result of the leadership of the Holy Spirit in your life as a result of your salvation!
 - 2. Not of our works – You can never and will never DO enough to purchase salvation.
Reference: **Mark 10:18**

III. Salvation is all because of His unmerited favor! The gift of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins – He gave it all so we could have it all!

- A. All of the greatest deeds in society’s history by all mankind could not purchase salvation.
- B. No preacher, no mother or father, and no spouse could ever purchase your salvation.
- C. Each of us stand alone in need of salvation through Jesus Christ. By doing one thing – believing through faith that Jesus died for you and then you confessing your sins to Him, you can be saved.

Faith is about giving your all to Jesus Christ and believing in Him with every fiber of your being.
SO, what is faith?
Faith is your ‘ticket’ to eternal life with Jesus Christ.