How Living Faith Works

(James 2:20-24)

Warning:

 No room for error about faith and works.

Issue:

Is <u>salvation</u> a matter of faith <u>plus</u> works? "James' point is that, in the overall pattern of his life, Abraham faithfully vindicated his saving faith through his many good works, above all else by offering Isaac. When a man is justified before God, he will always prove that justification before other men. A man who has been declared and made righteous will live righteously. Imputed righteousness will manifest itself in practical righteousness. In the words of John Calvin, 'faith alone justifies; but the faith that justifies is never alone."

- J. MacArthur

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