

# Christianity IRL pt 2

## James 2

### Faith and Deeds

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

<sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless<sup>[d]</sup>?

<sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,”<sup>[e]</sup> and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> 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?

<sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead

- 1) V14 what is the question James puts forward?
- 2) V15-16 what is the point James is making in this analogy?
- 3) V18 how do you prove something abstract like having Faith?
- 4) How do you prove you love someone?
- 5) V19 what is the difference between believing in God and having Faith in God?
- 6) V22 what happens to Abraham’s faith after he went to offer Isaac on the altar?
- 7) What does that mean “faith was made complete”?
- 8) Is there such a thing as an incomplete faith?
- 9) V26 what does it look like in real life to have a dead faith?
- 10) So are we saved by faith? Or by deeds?