

James

It is time to grow up!

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## Lesson 10

### Compassionless Salvation

James 2:14-17

What Good Is It?



# PAUL to his disciple Timothy

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Phillips

But you must realize that in the last days the times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centered, greedy for money, full of big words. They will be proud and contemptuous, without any regard for what their parents taught them. They will be utterly lacking in gratitude, purity and normal human affections. They will be men of unscrupulous speech and have no control of themselves. They will be passionate and unprincipled, treacherous, self-willed and conceited, loving all the time what gives them pleasure instead of loving God. **They will maintain a facade of “religion”, but their conduct will deny its validity.** You must keep clear of people like this.





## Decaffeinated Faith



# There are only two types of Faith

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- **Faith that is alive**
  - **Lived in desperation to change yourself and others**
  - **Lived in the power of God.**
- **Faith that is dead**
  - **Proclaimed with no action behind it.**
  - **No expectation of change**





# Morality of a Christian

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## Turning point in the Letter of James

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**1:1 – 2:13**

**What is expected of a Christian in trials – JOY**

**What is expected of a Christian in need of wisdom – PRAYER**

**What is expected of a Christian facing temptation – SEEK GOD FIRST**

**What is expected of a Christian in the body – QUICK, SLOW, SLOW**

**What is expected of a Christian looking inwardly – OUTWARD CHARITY**

**What is expected of a Christian religion – HUMILITY**

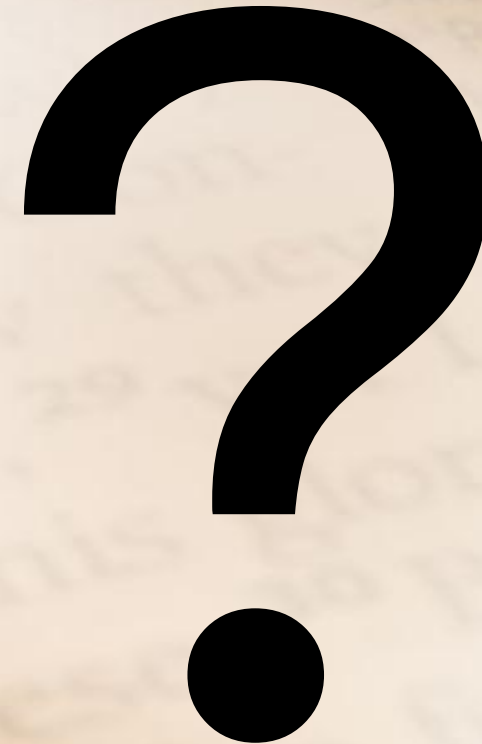
**What is expected of a Christian in church – NO PREJUDICE**

**What is expected of a Christian to others – LOVE**



# 21 questions to make you stop and think.

1. 2:4a – Have you not made distinctions?
2. 2:4b – Have you become judges with evil motives?
3. 2:5 – Did not God choose the poor to be rich in faith?
4. 2:6a – Is it not the rich who oppress you?
5. 2:6b – Is it not the rich who take you to court?
6. 2:7 – Is it not the rich to blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?
7. **2:14a – What profit is it?**
8. **2:14b – Is saying something good enough?**
9. **2:14c – Can faith alone save him?**
10. 2:16 – Are good thoughts enough to comfort the needy?
11. 2:20 – Can't you understand that faith without works is useless?
12. 2:21 – Wasn't Abraham justified by his works when he offered up Isaac?
13. 2:25 – Wasn't Rahab justified by works for saving the messengers?
14. 3:12a – Can a fig tree produce olives?
15. 3:12b – Can a vine produce figs?
16. 3:13 – Who is wise and understanding?
17. 4:1 – What is the source of your quarrels and conflicts among you?
18. 4:4 – Do you not know your friendship with the world is hostility to God?
19. 4:5 – Do you think the scriptures have no purpose?
20. 5:13 – Is anyone suffering among you?
21. 5:14 – Is anyone among you sick?



# Questions for Today

2:14a – What profit is it?

2:14b – Is saying something good enough?

2:14c – Can faith alone save him?

**14 What use is it,** my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

**15** If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,  
**16** and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body,  
**what use is that?**

**17** In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

**What profit  
(ophelos) is it.**

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- 1. Is it possible  
to have faith  
and not do  
works?**
- 2. What are  
works**





# **Is it possible to have faith and not have works?**

## **John 8**

**John 8:30–32 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him. Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “if you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

**John 8:48–51 The Jews answered and said to Him, “do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor me. But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Truly I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he shall never see death.”**

**John 8:56 – 59 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see MY day, and he saw it and was glad.” The Jews therefore said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.”**

# What are works?

## Example in James 2:15-16

**15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,**

**16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?**

**To say something, means little  
without an associated reaction**





# **Neutrality is never an option**

- **Morality into ethics.**
- **From should do to a must do.**
- **Your neighbor as your self.**

**Next week**  
**James 2:18-19**

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**Not  
either or  
but both  
and...**

Do not ask God  
to guide your  
footsteps...  
If you're not willing  
to move your feet.