

## The Works of Faith

**James 2:20-24** – *But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?* <sup>21</sup> *Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?* <sup>22</sup> *Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?* <sup>23</sup> *And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.* <sup>24</sup> *You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.*

- “**works**” – corresponding actions. [**Weymouth**]
- “**dead**” – destitute of force or power, inactive, inoperative. [**Strong’s**]

**The just shall live by faith.** [4x]

**Information, Application, Transformation.**

- **Application [Dictionary]** – The act of applying.
  - **Apply** – to put into action; Persistent attention.

**Hebrews 11:1** – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

**Mark 11:22** – *So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.”*

**Romans 12:3** – *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

**II Peter 1:1** – *Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

**Faith gives substance to hope.** [That which has actual existence – **Thayer**]

**Hebrews 10:23** – *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

**Faith requires evidence.**

- The Word of God. [II Timothy 3:16, 17]
- Our confession.
- Our meditation.

**Faith is not blind.**

- **II Corinthians 4:17, 18** – *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*
- **Joshua 6:1** – *Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua: “**See!** I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.*