

## **Faith Without Works is Not Saving Faith**

James 2: 14-17

James has written about works of faith from the beginning of the epistle, such as: patiently enduring trial (James 1: 4), asking God in faith (James 1: 5), rejoicing in God's providence for us (James 1: 9), laying apart the old man and receiving the word with meekness (James 1: 19-21), visiting the needy and keeping ourselves from the spots of this world (James 1: 27), not showing a respect of persons (James 2: 1.) The believer is not a hearer of this word only, but is alive with this working of spiritual life within us. Where this life is absent, it will not profit the one who claims to believe any more than the needy were profited in James' illustration (James 2: 15, 16.)