

THE BEREAN

"...EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY..." (Acts 17:11)

SHOW ME THY FAITH *A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES* *PART THIRTY OF SIXTY FOUR*

Faith is demonstrable, "I by my works will show thee my faith" (James 2:18). How can anyone show his faith without acting in accordance with that faith? It is conduct that exhibits faith. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). A faith only person may talk of his faith, but everyone will have to take his word for it. "James was trying to convince people to do that which they already knew was right and reasonable" (Fream). Actually, it would be almost impossible to find a person, even one who claims to believe in "faith only" who will deny the point James is making. Thus he challenges, "Show me thy faith apart from thy works" (James 2:18). It cannot be done!

Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). "Show me thy faith..."

Do you really believe in Jesus? He said, "Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you" (Mat. 5:44). "Show me thy faith..."

Jesus said, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33). James says, "Show me thy faith..."

Again He said, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Mat. 6:14,15). "Show me thy faith..."

In the same sermon Jesus exhorted us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Mat. 6:19,20). "Show me thy faith..."

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