

James 2:14-26 • Faith & Works

1. (v.14) **Belief** is only the first step toward having “**faith**”.
2. (v.15-17 & 18) The test of faith that is **alive** is our actions of **love** for others.
3. (v.19) Positions, policies and belief systems do not constitute “**faith**”.
4. (v.20) At some point every Christian must face the issue that “**faith** without **works** is useless”.
5. (v.21-25) Faith “**perfected**” is friendship with God resulting from putting **obedience** into action.
6. (v.26) No matter how hard we “**believe**” with our heart and soul and mind, “**faith**” is not achieved without taking action and becoming involved. And no matter how involved and action-oriented we are, our **works** are useless without the **acknowledgment** of our heart and soul and mind of **Christ** for Whom they're accomplished.