

# FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

James 2:17 *“Even so **faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself.**”* (NAS)

It is translated a little better in the The Complete Jewish Bible as **“Thus, faith by itself, unaccompanied by actions, is dead”** Faith, like love, is an active verb. In order to maintain “faith”, one must be active in the following of the word which includes the doing of the word. Real faith is always accompanied by obedience! Obedience to the Word of El Shaddai. Faith without works is useless. What James was trying to explain was that no one can achieve a righteous standing before Yah by doing good works. He meant that faith, if it was the kind of faith that pleases Yah, would produce good works automatically. This outward expression of works is for mankind to see and witness with the result being recognition of that person being holy, righteous and special to all those around him. We know that Yahveh knows our heart but unlike Yahveh, man cannot see ones heart unless they have spent a great deal of time together. We are His workmanship, created in the image of Yeshua for good works which Yahveh prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Yahveh’s works cannot produce salvation, but they always accompany salvation. **Rev. 2:2** *‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them {to be} false;’* It is by our faith that we are saved but it is by our deeds we are known and made right with YHVH. A very harsh verse in Revelation tells of those false churches that abound. **Rev. 2:9** *‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.’* **Rev. 2:19** *‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.’*

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