

For: Sunday, February 4, 2018

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

Lesson: James 2:14-26

GOLDEN TEXT:

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” — James 2:26

TODAY’S AIM:

“To understand the basic definitions of the key words in the text, specifically, “faith,” “works,” and “dead.”

INTRODUCING THE LESSON:

The epistle of James was written by James, the brother of Jesus Christ, the son of Joseph. He was converted sometime after the resurrection of the Lord and quickly became an early leader in the Jerusalem church. He wrote his letter “to the twelve tribes which (were) scattered abroad” (1:1). This is a reference to the Jewish population living outside the nation of Israel.

The letter emphasizes practical Christian living, exhorting the readers to lives of consistency and sacrifice. Martin Luther found the book to be puzzling since at points it seems to elevate works over faith. However, as we study the epistle, we will discover that the author offers a balance between the two doctrines.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. Saving faith is life-changing faith (James 2:14).
2. Saving faith is visible to others and has an impact on those we encounter (James 2:15-16).
3. Our actions show the difference between true faith in God and mere knowledge about Him (James 2:17-19).
4. True faith moves believers to obey God and commit to Him (James 2:20-21).
5. True faith takes God at His word and acts on what He has said (James 2:22-24).
6. God can work through anyone who will trust Him (James 2:25).
7. Dead faith will not reach this world for Christ (James 2:26).

CONCLUDING THE LESSON:

James did not expect believers to read this section and set up an examining board to evaluate the works of others. To the contrary, James expounded this great truth in order for each believer to examine the reality of his own faith. Many people are living under the false assumption that they are saved when there has been no change in their hearts.

As a youth pastor, I spoke one night about the need to become a Christian. A young woman approached me after the youth meeting and asked me how she could be saved. I was amazed, for she had been raised in the church and active in many ministries. She looked at me with a blank stare. I recalled the truth that “the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Give people the gospel.

The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

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“The Church That Cares”

Sunday, January 28, 2018
11:00 A M

Sick and Shut-Ins

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Bro. Edward Withers, C/O Manor Care – Roland Park,
4669 Falls Rd., Room 328A, 21209

Special Prayer Requests

Pastor Marshall Barnes' friends, Sis. Vanessa Dancy,
Bro. Sylvester Briddell, Sis. Yvonne Rice and Sis. Kathy Seal
Trustee William Atkinson's wife, Sis. Martha Atkinson
Sis. LaPorcha Barnes' co-worker's sister, Sis. Denise Griffin
Sis. Shirley Eldridge and Trustee Inez Robb's aunt, Sis. Lucille Lindsay
Sis. Erica Faison's friend, Bro. Ladonte Locus
Sis. Cynthia Franklin's daughter, Sis. Yolanda
and son, Bro. Melford Franklin and their families
and aunt, Sis. Mable Stancil
Sis. Wanda Garrett's niece, Sis. Kayla James
Sis. Pamela Harris' mother-in-law, Sis. Brenda Smith
Sis. Tana Hicks' grandson, Bro. DeWayne Lashley
Sis. Shirle Hubbard's sister, Sis. Valerie Hubbard
Sis. Eliza Jennings son, Bro. Robert Jennings, Jr.
Sis. Anndell Lawrence's son, Bro. Da'Juan McDonald
and mother, Sis. Carrie Lawrence
and Granddaughter, Little Miss Treasure Fenwick
Sis. Kim McDonald's children, Bro. Correll Wilson,
Bro. Tayo Daniels, Jr., Bro. Theodore Wilson,
and Sis. Ta'Brielle Daniels

*"High Standards and High Expectations
for the Glory of God."*

Church News

TODAY

Immediately following the morning service, there will be a **Church Meeting** for all members of Grace.

FELLOWSHIP

We will fellowship with the **Rev. Dr. Rosa M. Lenzy**, pastor of the **New Life for All Souls Church, Inc.**, 75 Yost Place, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743, Sunday, February 25 at 3:30 p.m. **Transportation** will be provide for the first twelve (12) **members age 74 years and above**. If interested in going, you must see **Sis. Carolyn Moorehead** as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

BOOKS WANTED!

If you have **new or used books** that you no longer need/want, please donate them to our **"Bring A Book, Take A Book" program**. Books can be given to **Sis. Joann Robinson** or dropped off at the church office.

Don't Forget!

SOUP KITCHEN

OPEN Tuesday, January 30 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 31 at 7:30 p. m. **Homework**: Study the following Bible text: Jesus stilling the storm — Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25. Observe the added, deleted, and edited features. In addition, read and examine the text before the story.

Emergency Notices

All emergency situations are to be reported immediately to the Pastor
Reverend Marshall L. Barnes
e.g., death, hospital emergency, etc.

The Deacon and Deaconess Ministry

The following Deacon and Deaconess are available to assist members of our Church with prayer and offering of a helping hand whenever assistance is needed and subsequently requested:

During the period of January 15 through February 11 contact the following:

Deacon Luke Montgomery, Sr., 443-629-7297

Deaconess Charmaine Cook, 410-298-6133

Deaconess Hilton Patrick, 410-367-0573

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### **Words of Wisdom**

*"God will not let us down if we'll  
just keep believing."*



## Birthdays



3 Sandra Hawkins  
16 **Pastor Marshall L. Barnes**  
16 Alice Walker  
19 Robert Jennings III

22 Lisa Wilson  
22 Curtis Echoles  
29 Jakeba Harried (*Leap Year*)

## SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 28, 2018

**LISTEN** to the message from God's Word. **USE** this sheet to make some personal notes. **GO** back over them through the coming week. **LET** God crystallize these truths in **YOUR** life.

Sermon title: \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical text: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea of sermon: \_\_\_\_\_

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Illustration I want to remember: \_\_\_\_\_

What should I do as a result of hearing this sermon?

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*"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee:  
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." — Psalm 55:22*

## MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28, 2018

\*Processional.....11:00 A.M.

*\*Call to Worship and Invocation*

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\*Hymn of Praise #364....."Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

O.T. Reading (Daniel 3:13-18).....Deaconess Beverly Wilson

N.T. Reading (2 Corinthians 12:6-10).....Sis. Tia Lucas

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Selection.....Mass Choir

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Morning Prayer.....Trustee Curtis Echoles

Prayer Chant and Selection.....Mass Choir

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Church Welcome.....Hospitality Ministry

Pastoral Comments

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Children's Hour.....Trustee Sylvia Jones

Selection.....Mass Choir

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General Offering of Tithes and Gifts of Love

*Mission Offering*

*\*Tithes and Gifts of Love*

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\*Response of Thanksgiving.....Congregation

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen!"*

Congregational Hymn #30....."We Have Come into This House"

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Sermonic Meditation.....Organ Speaks

Sermon.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

**"If Not, Then What?"**

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

\*Altar Call.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

\*Benediction.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

*\*Standing*

*\*\*Seating Worshipers*