

Profession Is Not Always Possession

James 2:14-26

In many cases, what Hinders Unbelievers from Coming to Christ is HOW Professing Christians are LIVING OUT their Faith.

LIVING the life of FAITH is perhaps the Christian's Greatest Challenge.

For Faith to be "REAL" it must Be Coupled with Corresponding ACTIONS.

James explains Three Kinds of Faith, ONLY ONE of which is TRUE, Saving Faith.

1. SOME PROFESSING CHRISTIANS HAVE DEAD FAITH. (vv.14-17)

- Their WALK does NOT support their TALK.
- As True, Faithful Believers, we have an OBLIGATION to help Meet the Needs of People, no matter who they are. (Matthew 25:34-46)
- It's Faith ALONE that Justifies but Faith that Justifies is NEVER ALONE.
- If there's NO Evidences or Indicators, we can assume there's NO FAITH.
- "Faith without Action is DEAD."

2. SOME PROFESSING CHRISTIANS HAVE DEMONIC FAITH. (vv.18-19)

- Demons Believe in the Existence of God.
- Demons Believe in Godliness of Jesus. (Matthew 8:29)
- Demons Believe in a place of Eternal Punishment. (Luke 8:31)
- Demons Believe AND Tremble with FEAR.
- Being a Christian involves TRUSTING Christ then LIVING for Christ. (2 Cor. 5:15)
- If we Live in SIN, something in our Relationship with Christ AIN'T RIGHT.

3. SOME PROFESSING CHRISTIANS HAVE DYNAMIC FAITH (vv.20-26)

- Dynamic Faith is faith that's REAL, has POWER & Results in Changed Lives.
- Dynamic Faith is BASED on the Word of God. (James 1:18, 21; Romans 10:17)
- Dynamic Faith involves the WHOLE Person.
- Dynamic Faith LEADS to Action.

- Many Believers still Fit the Bill given in Titus 1:16, "They Profess that they Know God, but in Works they Deny Him.
- Belief without Obedience is WORTHLESS.

