

# How to Bring Life to Your Faith

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## **James 2:17**

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

## **James 2:21**

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

## **James 2:23-24**

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. <sup>24</sup> Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

**Spiritual justification before God** - by means of our faith, we receive His righteousness which results in saving us from eternal hell.

**Practical justification before men** - by means of our good works in active faith, which results in saving us from earthly destruction of sin.

## **1. Living works meet God's benchmark.**

### **Titus 1:15-16**

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

## **2. Living works serve as a pattern to those around us.**

### **Titus 2:7**

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

## **3. Living works are the purpose of our redemption.**

### **Titus 2:13-14**

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

## **4. Living works should define our response to civil authority.**

### **Titus 3:1**

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

## **Ephesians 6:12**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

## **5. Living works must be guarded.**

### **Titus 3:8**

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

## **6. Living works will bear fruit.**

### **Titus 3:14**

And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

## **James 2:25**

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?