

THE MAIN EVENT: PAUL VERSUS JAMES**James 2:14**

"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?"

I. Round One: Paul Takes The Offense

- A. Salvation is **God's Work**.
"By Grace you have been saved." (Ephesians 2:8)

- B. Salvation is God's work in **God's Way**.
"Through faith; and that not of yourselves."
(Ephesians 2:8b)

- C. Salvation is God's work, in God's way, according to **God's Will**.
"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

II. Round Two: James Counters

- A. A faith without fruit is a **false faith**.
"Can faith save you?" (James 2:17)

- B. A faith without fruit is a **futile faith**.
"You say you have faith...show me...even the demons believe and tremble." (James 2:18-19)

- C. A faith without fruit is a **fatal faith**.
"Faith without works is dead ... DOA." (James 2:26)

- D. "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**." (Ephesians 2:10)

- E. "Of His own will He brought us forth (chose us) by the **word of truth**." (James 1:18)

- F. It is not about faith **and** works, but a faith **that** works.