

## "Faith and Works" Questions and Answers

Is justification by faith alone, or by faith and works... or both?

James 2:18-20

18 But someone may well say, <sup>Begin Quote</sup> "You, James, have faith (only) and I (objector) have (faith and) works," <sup>1 NIV end quote</sup> show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>2 NAS end quote</sup> " (You see, faith can be demonstrated with or without works. I will prove it to you, James)

19 You (James) believe that God is one. You do well (2:8; you do good works); the demons also believe, and shudder (they do no good works)." This proves that faith and works can be separated. <sup>3 Brian Fisher end quote</sup> "

20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

### **Relationship between faith and works**

- **Roman Catholic** Works help a person become justified
- **Reformed** Works prove a person is justified
- **Arminian** Works keep a person justified