

Are You a Real Christian?

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For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder". If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

James 2:10-11

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James 2:14 (KJV)

1. Dead Faith

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

James 2:14-18

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James 2:14 (KJV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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James 2:15-16

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Preach the gospel at all times -- If necessary, use words.

Francis of Assisi

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James 2:17

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James 2:18

2. Ineffective Faith

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that ☐ and shudder.
James 2:19

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

2. Genuine Faith

You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

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James 2:20-26

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James 2:25

When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.
Joshua 2:11

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James 2:26

by their fruit you will recognize them.
Matthew 7:20

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you ☐ unless, of course, you fail the test?
2 Cor. 13:5

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ☐ and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God ☐ not by works, so that no one can boast & For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:8-9, 10