

**Sermon: "Show Me!"
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James 2:14-26

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"Get into the wheelbarrow."

Charles Blondin – 19th century tight-rope walker

Cry of the Reformation:

"Sola Gratia! Sola Fide! Soli Christo!"

The Reformers insisted that justification is by _____ alone, by _____ alone, and through _____ alone.

Was James contradicting the Apostle Paul?

"For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law." Romans 3:28

"You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone." James 2:24

"Those who by true faith are righteous prove their righteousness by obedience and good works, not by a bare and imaginary _____ of faith."

John Calvin's summary of James' point

Two Rhetorical Questions (v 14):

- *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?*
- *Can such faith save him?*

Three kinds of "faith":

1. **D_____ Faith**

"faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:17

To live with integrity, your "talk" and your walk" must be _____ !

2. **D_____ Faith**

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

3. **D_____ Faith**

The Faith of Abraham

"You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." James 2:22

Don't only ask yourself what you are saved _____.

Ask yourself what you are saved _____ !

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24