

# How Faith Works

THE WORKING FAITH OF ABRAHAM

**They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. You do the works of your father [the devil]." (Jhn 8:39-41)**



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their works are **works of iniquity**,  
and the act of violence is in their  
hands. (Isaiah 59:6)

For as many as are of the **works of  
the law** are under a curse: for it is  
written, "Cursed is every one who  
continues not in all things that are  
written in the book of the law, to do  
them." (Galatians 3:10)

Do you see how **faith worked** with  
his [Abraham's] works, and by works  
was faith made perfect? (James 2:22)

'Works of Iniquity'  
are when we **do**  
things that are sinful  
and wicked.

'Works of Law' are  
when we **do** things  
to try and prove we  
are good enough  
law keepers.

'Works of Faith' are  
when we **do** things  
out of trust and  
submission to God.



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**You see  
that by  
works a  
man is  
justified,  
and not  
only by  
faith.  
(Jas 2:24)**

**JAMES SAYS WORKS OF FAITH ARE:**

**As necessary as food for a starving  
man**

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**As important as your soul is to your  
body**

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**As important as evidence in a trial**

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**What separates Christians from  
demons**

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**What made Rahab a righteous woman**

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**What made Abraham the friend of God**



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**Was not Abraham  
our father justified  
by works, when he  
had offered Isaac  
his son on the  
altar? (Jas 2:21)**

**WHY DID ABRAHAM  
OFFER ISAAC?**

**BECAUSE HE TRUSTED GOD –  
HE HAD FAITH IN GOD'S PLAN**

**By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and  
he who had received the promises was in the act of offering  
up his only son, of whom it was said, Through Isaac shall your  
offspring be named. He considered that God was able even to  
raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he  
did receive him back. (Heb 11:17-19)**



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**He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."  
(Gen 22:12)**

**When did God know Abraham's level of faith?**

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**When did God offer Abraham the blessing?**

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**When did God tell Abraham he had done enough?**

**We cannot just say that God knows our hearts and what we do doesn't matter.**

**THE TEXT SAYS  
OTHERWISE!**



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**'Works of Law'** are when we do things to try and prove we are good enough law keepers.

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, has found? For if Abraham were justified by works [of law], he has something to boast about; but not before God...  
(Rom 4:1-2)

**'Works of Faith'** are when we do things out of trust and submission to God.

Was not Abraham our father justified by works [of faith], in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? (James 2:21)

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac:  
(Heb 11:17)

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