

Saving Faith Works

James 2:18-26 Jared Chasteen July 9, 2023

James' Previous Point

- Faith apart from works is dead
 - Faith = Saying you believe the right things.
 - Works = Living in a way that is consistent with what you say you believe.
 - Dead = Not saving faith.
- James is not arguing faith vs. works, he's arguing true, saving faith vs. false, not-saving faith

A Potential Objection

Works aren't necessary for saving faith. (2:18a)

James' Response: Three Proofs that Faith and Works are Inseparable

- What you do shows what you actually believe. (2:18b)
- Good theology alone won't save you. (2:19)
- The Biblical principle is that saving faith works. (2:20-25)

James' Conclusion

• Faith apart from works is dead. (2:26)



Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-8 "Psalm 34 (Taste and See)"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:12-15, 22, 25-26

"Only a Holy God"

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading: Jude 24-25 (Assurance of Pardon)

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer

Sermon: James 2:18-26

"In Christ Alone"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

Announcements and Benediction

Announcements

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, July 9 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

CFC Men's Retreat

August 25th-26th / Heartland Retreat Center

Registration is now open for our CFC Men's Retreat in August. The last day to register is August 6th. We hope to see you there!

Church Softball Game

July 19th / 6:30-8:30 p.m. / Roe Park

Join us for a church wide softball game. We have reserved field A. Even if you are not playing, we'd love to have you join us and watch.

Elders

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Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

During our Worship Gathering, we offer a nursing mothers' room with a livestream of the service next to our children's classes.

Children's Discipleship

In an effort to walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes

Sundays at 9 a.m.

- K-3rd grade
- · 4th-6th grade

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

• Toddler room: ages 1-2

• Pre-K room: ages 3-4

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity!
There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone and Android)
- Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (or scan the QR code)

