

Actions

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”, James 2:17-18.

An old story relates how a tramp in England was walking down a country lane. Rounding a bend, he saw a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road with its little legs pointing upwards.

Approaching the sparrow to remove its body from the road, he discovered it was very much alive. Wondering what to do, he enquired of the sparrow if it was OK.

When the sparrow replied “Yes”, the tramp had no option to ask why the sparrow was pointing its legs towards the sky. The sparrow replied that had heard a rumour that the sky was about to fall down, and he was waiting to catch it.

The tramp only had one further question, “Do you”, he asked the sparrow, “think you will be strong enough to hold it?”

The sparrow replied, “One can only do the best he can”.

Have you declared to those around you during this last week that you have faith?

What would you have done if one person had retorted, “Show us your faith” .

If, during the past week you have continued to do that which you know will bring forth a result, you have not operated by faith, for faith in God’ s ecology is Forsaking All I’ ll Trust Him.

God does not demand that whatsoever you do in His Name is done to perfection, He desires that you do the best you can.

For you, as a Christian, was it faith on your part, that when you turned the switch from ‘Off’ to ‘On’ the room became illuminated? The answer is that faith had nothing to do with the room being illuminated when the switch was turned from ‘Off’ to ‘On’ .

The switch did exactly what it had been designed to do, complete a circuit.

God wants us to turn from being an internal - closed - circuit in the church building. God wants us to be external - open - circuits in the world, where His Works can be seen as He builds them on our faith.

Faith is not proclaiming you have been forgiven your past sins. For many that claim is no more than a lip service, with the action part being your facial muscles moving your lips.

Faith, then, is raising your spiritual hand, and saying, "I am here Lord. Use me".

Faith withers away if it not used. Faith, for the Christian, is what they do, AND HOW THEY DO IT!

A withering faith is where a need is seen, and the assumption made "God will look after them".

A withering faith is conceived when we take the attitude, "I like the benefits of Christianity, but not the cost of publicly living as a Christian".

A withering faith ultimately becomes a dead faith. A dead faith is faithless.

A living faith comes not from what the eyes show the mind, but from God's Love delivered from the heart.

God calls us many times a day to actively follow His Son's lifestyle on this earth.