

Deedless & Dead

Fierce Loyalty

James 2:14-17

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The Issue:

How genuine is a claim to _____ in Jesus where there is no _____ to Jesus?

James' Line of Reasoning to Discern Real Faith:

1. The _____ (v. 14)

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him?*

2. The _____ (vv. 15-16)

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

3. The _____ (v. 17)

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Two Insights:

1. Self-_____ comes dangerously _____.
2. Self-_____ comes strangely _____.