

What Matters ... “faith working through love” ...

*faith: believing God

- (Romans 3:28 ESV) For we hold that one is **justified by faith apart from works of the law.**
- (Romans 10:2-4 ESV) For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**
- (Galatians 2:16 ESV) Yet we know that a person is **not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.**
- (Galatians 3:2 ESV) Let me ask you only this: **Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?**

*faith working: authentic belief in God

- (James 2:14 ESV) **What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?**
- (James 2:17-20 ESV) **So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! **Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?**

*faith working through love: God’s love worked out in our lives

- (Galatians 5:13-14 ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**
- (Matthew 22:35-40 ESV) And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” **And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

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