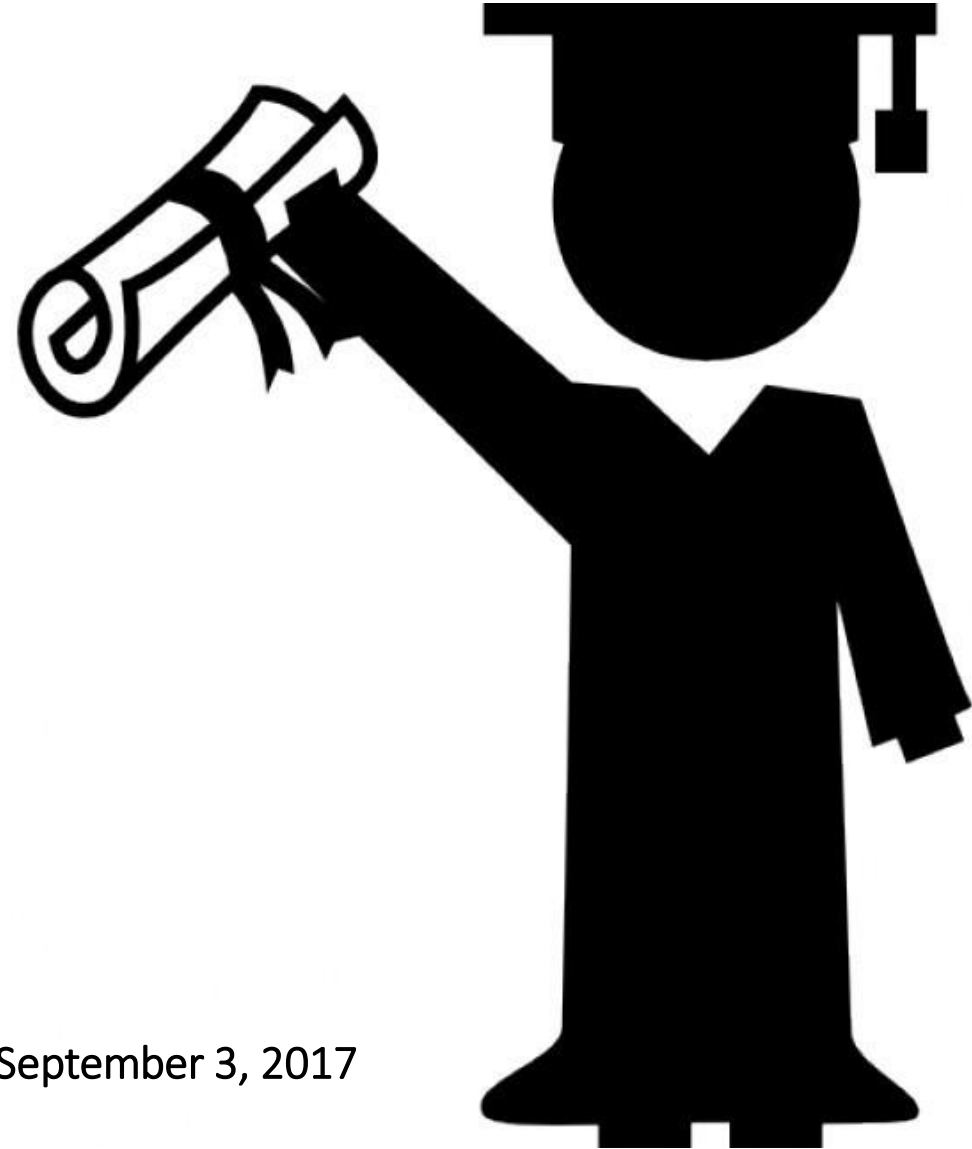


Kind of Like Being Certified

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James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-26

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. ²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:14-26

²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

James 2:14-26

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

- Faith Without Effect Is Not Faith
- Empty Faith Is Like Empty Wishes
- Even Demons Have Empty Faith
- The Saving Faith of Abraham Produced Work

Implications

- This Sounds Like A Contradiction

Romans 3:28

²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Genesis 15:6

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Galatians 5:6

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Implications

- This Sounds Like A Contradiction
- This Has Some Dangers

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Implications

- This Sounds Like A Contradiction
- This Has Some Dangers
- This Has Some Implications For Us
 - We Should Examine Our Faith

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

2 Corinthians 5:17

*¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*

Ephesians 4:24

²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Implications

- This Sounds Like A Contradiction
- This Has Some Dangers
- This Has Some Implications For Us
 - We Should Examine Our Faith
 - We Should Be At Peace

Romans 3:23

²³ *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Matthew 11:28

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

John 6:28-29

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

1 Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

