

## Are We Walking the Talk?

### 1. Faith without Works is Dead

- **Saving faith includes steadfastness, love & obedience to Christ:**  
by God's power & for His glory

- **Why are some professing Christians not Walking the Talk?**

→ they are new in the faith

→ they are in rebellion and/or deceived

→ they are not really Christians

### 2. Be on Guard against a Dead Faith

- **Claiming to have faith without works:** Saving faith is evidenced by the loving-care of a brother or sister in need

- **Believing in God like the demons do:**

Saving faith is evidenced by obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ

### 3. Understanding James in light of Paul

(adapted from Craig Blomberg & Mariam Kamell, *James*, ECNT)

- Paul rejects a sinner's ability to gain righteousness thru **pre-conversion works of the law** (Ro 3:21ff; 9:30ff)

- James rejects the ability to be saved by claiming to have faith without the **post-conversion works of love & obedience** (Jm 2:14ff)

### 4. Heed Godly Examples of Saving Faith

- **Our father Abraham**

- **Rahab the prostitute**