

ACTION

Action in Meeting Needs

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14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe—and they shudder. James 2:14-19 CSB

Is there a conflict between Paul and James? NO

For Paul, 'works' are Jewish ethnic boundary markers (Circumcision, Food laws, Sabbath) that separated Jews from Gentiles. (Ephesians 2:8-10 CSB, Ephesians 2:14 NLT)

For James, 'works' means loving God and loving the poor by not exploiting them and not ignoring their needs. (James 2:17-18 CSB)

Faith in Messiah Jesus moves us to...

- 1) Action as brothers and sisters in the family of God. (James 2:14)
- 2) Action by meeting the needs of the poor. (James 2:15-18, Galatians 2:10, Proverbs 19:17)
- 3) Action in progressively embodying our theology. (James 2:19)
- 4) We Love God by loving others. (James 2:8)

Soul-tattoo: Continue reading the book of James.

Action: Be generous in your financial giving and serving at TC.

- Serve Orientation: February 18 – [Register Online](#)
- Giving: At TC there are three ways to give.
 1. Online at <https://transformationchurch.tc/give/>
 2. Download the TC App.
 3. Give during the service by dropping your offering in the red buckets.