

A scenic view of a stone arch bridge over a river in a forest with autumn foliage. The bridge is made of dark stone and has a decorative railing with star-shaped patterns. The river is calm, reflecting the bridge and the surrounding trees. The trees have some autumn-colored leaves, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Welcome to

The Bridge

**Belonging, Believing,
Becoming**

Christianity For DUMMIES

Faith Without Works
James 2:14—26

1. An Assertion: Faith Without Works Is Dead (vv. 14-17)

- James answers by pointing out the inability to divorce faith & works.
- James does not say that this person actually has faith, but that he claims to have it.

- Such faith, "profession without possession" is indeed NO GOOD.
- Words, however well meant, have not profited these needy people anything!
- The Greek word here for dead is "nekros" meaning "corpse."

2. An Objection: Faith & Works Are Separable (v. 18)

- Faith will always be accompanied by works, if it is true faith.
- Faith cannot be seen but it can only be shown and demonstrated by works.

3. A Refutation: Faith Without Works Is Useless (vv. 19-20)

- Not only are the demons monotheists, they also affirmed the Divinity of Jesus in the Gospels.
- But they have never bowed the knee to Jesus Christ and made Him Lord.
- This word foolish or shallow literally means "empty."

4. An Illustration: Works Show Faith

- It was not the means of his salvation, it was the mark of his salvation.
- The work a human body does doesn't give it life, the work a human body does reveals that life.