

***What James Means by Faith without Works: James 2:15–17 (James #6)***

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**INTRODUCTION**

**REVIEW**

(1:1) James greets Jewish Christians dispersed (by the Acts 8:1 persecution)

We should welcome trials, because tested faith yields patience which yields endurance which yields maturity, if we pray for wisdom (1:2–8)

Rich & poor believers should appreciate God seeking for us to become approved through trial (not that He tempts, but only gives good gifts like regeneration) (1:9–18)

**We ought to be Swift to Hear, Slow to Speak, Slow to Wrath, because man's wrath does not produce God's righteousness (1:19f.)**

Swift to Hear means: We ought to be doers, not just hearers (1:21ff.)

Swift to Hear means: We ought not be partial, but to show mercy that we may be shown mercy when we are judged by the perfect law of liberty (2:1–13)

James 2:14 Unapplied faith is useless in the Christian life, because deliverance [from trials] requires application of believed truth

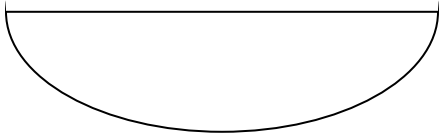
**THE BICYCLE:**

From a *Subtraction Model* standpoint

From an *Addition Model* standpoint

**NEW EXPOSITION**

**Illustrating the *Subtraction* and *Addition Models* from a bowl of fruit**



**(2:15–16) Wishing God’s blessing upon a needy believer without helping him/her is useless (in regard to deliverance)**

**(2:17) In the same way as wishing God’s blessing upon a needy believer without helping him/her is useless, believing-biblical-truth does not deliver regenerate people, unless they also apply the truth that they have believed**

**CONCLUSION**