

**Title:** The Believer's Vital Faith Part 1

**Text:** 2:14-20

**Main Idea:** Examine yourself as God reveals the critical differences between dead faith and living faith.

**Division Statements:**

**1. Dead faith is marked by an empty profession (v.14).**

Note: An empty profession is a profession of faith that has no true and lasting impact on a person's conduct. True faith is accompanied by a new nature (e.g. 2 Cor. 5:17) and will reveal itself by its fruit (Matt. 7:20).

**2. Dead faith is marked by false compassion (vv. 15-17).**

Note: The illustration of a hypocritical compassion that does nothing.

**3. Dead faith is marked by superficial convictions (vv. 18-20).**

Note: Those with dead faith may have excellent theology and believe all the right things about God and Christ. But this is no different than what the demons have. Faith that is real will penetrate the heart and show itself through repentance and convictions that completely change a person's life.

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