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Topic: Beware of Dead Faith

Scripture text: James 2:14-20

1. We cannot see faith but it can be seen in our lives. Our works are evidence of our faith. True faith will result in good works. But the Bible warns us against dead faith, which is not working, not fulfilling its functions and useless.

2. Dead faith is an unprofitable faith because it is ineffective. It is useless to ourselves because it cannot save. The Holy Spirit's work is not just in regeneration but also in sanctification. It is deceiving and dangerous to pretend that we have faith. It is also useless to others around us (1 John 3:17-18). True faith will manifest in true deeds of love. It is not salvation by works.

3. Dead faith is an invisible faith. It is impossible to prove our faith without works. A faith that cannot be observed is not genuine faith at all. There is no such thing as a secret Christian. Our faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ must transform us. Can people tell that we are followers of Christ?

4. Faith cannot be just intellectual. The devils also have mental knowledge of who God is. We must completely embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and entrust ourselves to Him. We are saved to serve Him and to bear a good witness for Him.