

## Sermon Outline: 11.6.22

Sermon Series: **Keeping It Between the Ditches**  
Sermon Title: (4) ***Faith & Works***  
Sermon Text: Romans 3:28, 4:3-7; James 2:20-24

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### Martin Luther:

*"In a word St. John's Gospel and his first epistle, St. Paul's epistles, especially Romans, Galatians, and Ephesians, and St. Peter's first epistle are the books that show you Christ and teach you all that is necessary and salvatory for you to know, even if you were never to see or hear any other book or doctrine. Therefore St. James' epistle is really an epistle of straw, compared to these others, for it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it."*

### Faith & Works

***The value of Faith in the Bible is undeniable.***

(John 1:12, 3:16, 5:24, 6:28-29)

(Galatians 2:16) (Ephesians 2:8-9)

***The value of Works in the Bible is undeniable.***

(Matthew 6:14-15, 7:21) (John 5:29)

(Matthew 16:27) (Revelation 22:12) (Titus 1:16)

***Faith & Works are not mutually exclusive!!***

Real faith really works!

*Faith in Christ is the CAUSE of salvation;*

*Work for Christ is the EFFECT of salvation!*

Justification is followed by sanctification!

(Ephesians 2:10) (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:11)

Faith is the root, but works are the fruit!

(Insert Paul Harvey quote.) (Insert Billy Graham quote.)

*Inhale real faith;*

*Exhale good works!*

### Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2:

***"Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,  
are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith:  
and by them believers manifest their thankfulness,  
strengthen their assurance,  
edify their brethren,  
adorn the profession of the gospel,  
stop the mouths of the adversaries,  
and glorify God, whose workmanship they are,  
created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that,  
having their fruit unto holiness,  
they may have the end, eternal life."***

(Philippians 2:12-13)

### Paul Harvey:

*"If you don't live it, you don't really believe it."*

### Billy Graham:

*"Faith is taking the Gospel in; Work is taking the Gospel out."*