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***The following could be used as tracts:***

**We must have Faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says of Himself, ***“…whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).**

He told the Jews that without faith in Him they would not **have** salvation…***”if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins”* (John 8:24).**

St. John the Apostle wrote, ***“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”* (John 20:21).**

St. Paul preached in Antioch, ***“through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him everyone who believes is justified…”* (Acts 13:38-39).**

SS. Paul and Silas told the Philippian Jailer to ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household”* (Acts 16:31).**

**Faith works through love.**

The Apostle Paul wrote, ***“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself; is not puffed up; does not behave rudely; does not seek its own; is not provoked; thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity; but rejoices in the truth; bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things”* (1 Cor. 13:4-7).**

**The essence of Christianity is clear, it is spirit and life**

**(John 6:63).**

St. Paul wrote, ***“…and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing”***

**(1 Cor. 13:2).**

However, we need the help of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus said,

***“ without Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5).**

**So where do works come in?**

St. James uses the example of someone who says he hasfaith but has no works, ***"What use is it, my brethren, if a man* *says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?"* (**[**James 2:14**](http://bible.logos.com/passage/nasb/James%202.14)**).** In other words, St. James is addressing the issueof a dead faith, a faith that is nothing more than a verbal pronouncement, a public confession of the mind, and is not heart-felt.

In brief, St. James is examining two kinds of faith: one that leads to godly works and one that does not. One is true, and the other is false. One is dead, the other alive; hence, ***“Faith* *without works is dead,”*** ([James 2:20](http://bible.logos.com/passage/nasb/James%202.20)).  Good works then, are the outcome of faith in Christ. They are the fruit of faith; they are a demonstration of faith and perfect it.

A word of caution, we can never be saved by works.