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“You see that a person is *considered righteous* by what they do and not by faith alone.” (NIV)

“So you see, we are *shown to be right with God* by what we do, not by faith alone.” (NLT)

**Marks of Dead Orthodoxy:**

1. The expression of faith without any corresponding **A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 14)
   * No practical evidence of **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for other believers (v. 15-17)
2. The proclamation of doctrine that **J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the absence of service (v. 18)
   * Correct beliefs by **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** don’t guarantee saving faith (v. 19)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew 7:21-23

**Signs of Genuine Faith:**

1. Costly **O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to the direction of God (v. 21, 23-24)
   * Even when it makes no sense from a **H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** perspective

(v. 22; Heb. 11:19)

1. Courageous **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for the people and purposes of God (v. 25)
   * Joyfully **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** this life for eternal life in Christ (v. 26; Josh. 2:8-13)

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