

# James 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

## Analysis

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**Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?** You see that faith worked together (synērgēi, συνεργεῖ) with works, and by works faith was perfected (eteleiōthē, ἐτελειώθη). Faith and works cooperate; obedience matures faith. The process transforms belief into tested trust.

Reformed sanctification teaches that obedience grows faith; trials refine trust. James reveals dynamic synergy between believing and doing.

## Historical Context

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Diaspora believers needed assurance that their suffering-induced obedience was not wasted; it completed their faith like Abraham's. Paul's exhortations to work out salvation (Philippians 2:12-13) complement this perspective.",

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How have past obediences strengthened your faith?
2. What current step of obedience might God use to mature you?
3. How can you encourage others to see works as faith-building?

## Interlinear Text

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Seest thou	how	G3588	faith	wrought	G3588	works	with his	and
G991	G3754		G4102	G4903		G2041	G846	G2532
ἐκ	τῶν	ἔργων	ἡ	πίστις	ἐτελειώθη			
by	G3588	works	G3588	faith	made perfect			
G1537		G2041		G4102	G5048			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Thessalonians 1:3** (Faith): Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

**Galatians 5:6** (Faith): For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

**1 John 2:5** (Parallel theme): But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.