

# Faith With Works Reaps Rewards

James 2:12-14



## Overarching theme of James

Believers should live a life where their *practice catches up* to their position.



# POSITIONAL // PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION

Position (PAST)

Practice (PRESENT)

Glory (FUTURE)

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS



Faith in Jesus  
SALVATION

Faith in Jesus  
SANCTIFICATION

With Jesus  
GLORIFICATION

MAN'S SINFULNESS



DON'T show favoritism because:

- We're judging something God Himself doesn't (v. 4)
- We're contradicting God's desire for ALL people (v. 5)
- These [the *wealthy*] are the very ones oppressing you and blaspheming the Lord (vv. 6-7)
- It's a violation of the Royal law (vv. 8-11)
- God will judge us (vv. 12-13)

# 4 Distinct Judgments

NAME	BEMA SEAT	WILDERNESS	SHEEP & GOAT	WHITE THRONE
SCRIPTURE	1 Cor. 3:10-15	Ez. 20:33-44	Matt. 25:31-46	Rev. 20:11-15
TO WHOM	Church-Age Christians	Jews	Gentiles	All unbelievers
WHEN	After Rapture	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	After Millennium
WHERE	Heaven	Wilderness	Jerusalem	Earth
PURPOSE	Rewards	Entrance into the Kingdom	Entrance into the Kingdom	Degree of torment in hell
BASIS	Earthly work done in faith	Faith in Jesus	Helping the Jews	Works judged by books

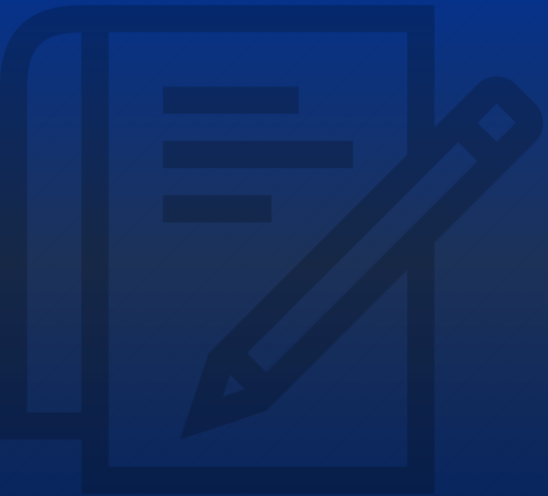
## John 5:24 (ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”



# 1. Basis for rewards

Basis for Bema Seat rewards: earthly \_\_\_\_\_  
done in \_\_\_\_\_.



# 5 Crowns Awarded To Believers

(2 John 1:8 // Rev. 3:11 // Rev. 4:10)

CROWN	WHY?	WHERE?
Imperishable	Self-control	1 Cor. 9:24-27
Boasting	Winning the lost	1 Thes. 2:19-20
Righteousness	Eager for His appearing	2 Tim. 4:8
Glory	Shepherding God's people	1 Pet. 5:2-4
Life	Steadfast through trials	Jam. 1:12; Rev. 2:10



## 2 Cor. 5:10 (ESV)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”



## Rom. 14:10,12 (ESV)

“...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God..  
(12)So then each of us will give an account of himself to  
God.”



## 1 Cor. 9:25-27 (NIV)

“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. (26)Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. (27)No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

## 1 John 2:28 (ESV)

“And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming.”



## 1 Cor. 4:5 (NIV)

“Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.”





*“The judgment seat of Christ might be compared to a commencement ceremony. At graduation there is some measure of disappointment and remorse that one did not do better and work harder. However, at such an event the overwhelming emotion is joy, not remorse. The graduates do not leave the auditorium weeping because they did not earn better grades. Rather, they are thankful that they have*

*been graduated, and they are grateful for what they did achieve. To overdo the sorrow aspect of the judgment seat of Christ is to make heaven hell. To under do the sorrow aspect is to make faithfulness inconsequential.” (Hoyt)*

## Jam. 4:5 (ESV)

“Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the Spirit that He has made to dwell in us’?”



## Rom. 8:9 (ESV)

“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.”



## 2. Why is James misunderstood?

- a. Ignoring the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. 'Anachronistic fallacy': insisting that words mean the same thing all the time (ignoring *historical* meaning)
- c. Reading \_\_\_\_\_ into James





# Paul and James: same words, different meanings

Word	JAMES	PAUL
“Justified”/“Justification”	Evidence of a believer’s faith before man	Declared innocent before God
“Faith”	Serving	Saving
“Works”	A believer’s moral deeds	Earning God’s favor
“Save”/“Salvation”	Sanctification (middle tense)	Justification (past tense)

*“The justified one, having become what he is by faith, must go ahead living on the same principle of utter dependence upon God.” (Chafer)*

# 3 Tenses Of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	PRESENT	Future
Saved from SIN'S:	Penalty	POWER	Presence
Nature	Single (old)	Dual (old & new)	Single (new)
Scripture	Eph. 2:8-9 Titus 3:5 John 3:17	Jam. 1:21; 5:20 1 Tim. 4:16 Php. 2:12-13	Rom. 5:9-10 Rom. 13:11 1 Cor. 3:15

## Eph. 2:8-9 (ESV)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9)not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”



## Php. 2:12-13 (ESV)

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13)for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”





## Jam. 1:21 (ESV)

“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”



## Jam. 5:19-20 (ESV)

“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, (20)let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”



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## James 2:14-26 summary

v. 14: “Can a Christian be productive (sanctified, a blessing to others, pleasing to God, receiving rewards) without accompanying works? **NO!**”

### 5 examples/proofs (vv. 15-26):

- Vv. 15-17: Brother/sister in need
- Vv. 18-19: Knowledge of God
- Vv. 20-24: Abraham
- V. 25: Rahab
- V. 26: Lifeless body