

Faith Without Works Is Unproductive

(Part 2)

James 2:20-24



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- Biblehub.com
- Blueletterbible.org
- Gotquestions.org
- Pre-trib.org
- Studylight.org
- Thegospelcoalition.org
- Youtube.com

SCHOLARS/COMMENTATORS/PASTORS

- [A Fruchtenbaum \(ariel.org\)](http://A Fruchtenbaum (ariel.org))
- [A Woods \(slbc.org\)](http://A Woods (slbc.org))
- [AC Gaebelein \(studylight.org\)](http://AC Gaebelein (studylight.org))
- [C Ryrie \(ryrielibrary.org\)](http://C Ryrie (ryrielibrary.org))
- [D Guzik \(enduringword.com\)](http://D Guzik (enduringword.com))
- [D Rokser \(duluthbible.org\)](http://D Rokser (duluthbible.org))
- [J MacArthur \(gty.org\)](http://J MacArthur (gty.org))
- [J Piper \(desiringgod.org\)](http://J Piper (desiringgod.org))
- [JB Hixson \(notbyworks.org\)](http://JB Hixson (notbyworks.org))
- [L Flowers \(soteriology101.com\)](http://L Flowers (soteriology101.com))
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Overarching theme of James

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

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

Paul and James: same words, different meanings

	JAMES' meaning	PAUL'S meaning
“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)

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!**” (vv. 17, 20, 24, 26)

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

- Vv. 15-17: Brother/sister in need
- Vv. 18-19: Even demons respond
- Vv. 20-24: Abraham
- V. 25: Rahab
- V. 26: Lifeless body

Gal. 3:1-3 (ESV)

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. (2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? (3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



Rom. 12:3 (ESV)

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”



Rom. 12:6 (ESV)

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith”



“(17)So also faith by itself, it is does not have works, is dead;
(20)...faith apart from works is useless; (26)...the body apart
from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is
dead.”

- v. 17: “dead”, *nekros*
- v. 20: “useless”, *argos*
- v. 26: “dead”, *nekros* (2x)

Gen. 15:6 (NLT)

“And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.”



Gal. 3:29 (ESV)

“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”



Gal. 2:16 (ESV)

“yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”



Matt. 12:33-37 (ESV)

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. (34) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (35) The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Matt. 12:33-37 (ESV)

(36)I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, (37)for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”



Gen. 15:6 (ESV)

“And he believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.”



Heb. 5:14 (ESV)

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”



Gen. 18:17 (ESV)

“The LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do’”



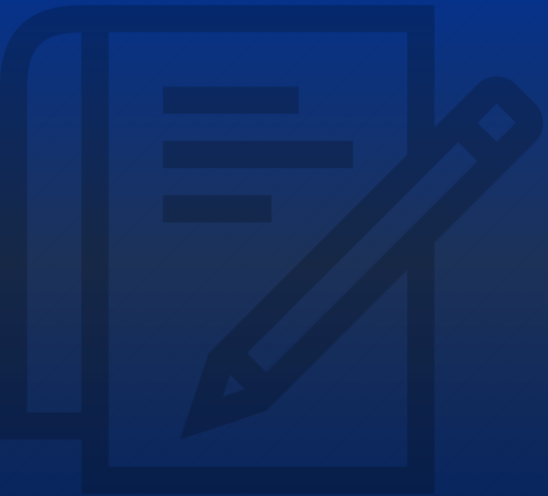
John 15:14-15 (ESV)

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”



Note 1:

A friend of God is a believer who _____ God



Isa. 41:8 (ESV)

“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend”



2 Chr. 20:7 (ESV)

“Did You not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham Your friend?”

