

James 2:14-24 (NRSV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Memory Verse for This Month:

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” – Romans 5:8

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Saint Paul, by Philippe de Champaigne (1602-1674)



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Justified by Works? (see back cover)

Justified by Belief?

What About Boasting?

What About Wicked & Circumcised? (v.4-8)

Getting the Equation Right

Works = Wages = No Gift

Belief = Ungodly = Gift

Example of David

Adulterer

Murderer

Liar

What About Uncircumcised Gentiles? (v.9-12)

Who Gets the Blessing?

What Does the “Sign” Mean?

What Are Our “Signs”?

So...Who Are His Children?

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How to Get the Inheritance

How to Nullify the Contract

Law vs. Lawlessness