

Faith and Works

Series: **A Faith That Works** Text: **Introduction to James**

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Before we begin our verse-by-verse study through the book of James, we need to understand some important biblical themes as they relate to this practical book. We need to understand faith and works and how they relate to one another.

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WORKS =

	Paul	James
Justification	<i>"Before God"</i> Rom. 4:1-2; Gal. 2:16-19; 3:11	<i>"Before men"</i> James 2:14, 18, 24
Faith	"faith alone" because God alone can see faith in the heart	"faith producing works" in outward life seen and examined by others
Illustration	Rom. 4:3, cp. Gen. 15:6; "conversion" of Abraham	James 2:21, cp. Gen. 22:1-9; "vindication" of Abraham's years of faith
Key phrase	<i>"before God"</i>	<i>"show me"</i>