

# SERMON OUTLINE James 2:14-26

Faith, Works, Justification, and Salvation - Part 2

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## **THE "PROBLEM"**

*The Gospel*

*James and Paul on the Means of Salvation*

## **THE "SOLUTION"**

*Paul's Other Writing*

*Purpose in Writing*

*Definition of Faith*

*Definition of Justification*

*Order of Salvation*

1. *Election (God's choice of people to be saved)*
2. *Hearing the Gospel call (proclaiming the message of the gospel)*
3. *Regeneration (being born again)*
4. *Conversion (responding in faith and repentance)*
5. *Justification (right legal standing)*
6. *Adoption (membership in God's family)*
7. *Sanctification (God granting us growth in the Christian life)*
8. *Perseverance (God keeping us faithful to himself throughout life)*
9. *Death (going to be with the Lord)*
10. *Glorification (receiving resurrected bodies)*

## **FAITH AND WORKS TOGETHER IN PRACTICE**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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When each man's audience is rightly identified, when their terms are rightly defined, and when we understand which aspects of the order of salvation they are referring to, there is not only no actual contradiction, there is glorious unity and a fuller explanation of salvation than either man offers by himself.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before hearing the sermons from the last two weeks, how would you have described the relationship between faith and good works in salvation? What, if anything, has changed since?
3. What other explanations for the "differences" between James and Paul have you heard? Were any of them convincing?
4. Had you ever considered Paul "contradicting" himself (in a manner similar to James) prior to Pastor Dave pointing that out?
5. Pastor Dave mentioned a couple of keys to seeing the harmony between James and Paul. Among them were understanding who they were writing to and why, along with understanding how they were using the words they were using. Do these things help you better appreciate the need to read the Bible carefully?
6. Had you ever heard of the "order of salvation" before? Were any of the aspects of salvation new to you? What difference does it make? What aspect of our salvation stands out to you the most?
7. How would you explain to a new Christian what sanctification is and how it works?
8. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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9. Find a good systematic theology to add to your family library. Make a plan to read through it with your family.
10. Practice sharing the gospel in one minute, ten minutes, and through a careful Bible study. Share the gospel with someone.
11. Spend some time further exploring one aspect of the order of salvation this week.
12. Try to create a visual representation of either the gospel or the order of salvation.
13. Find an area of holiness that you need to grow in and one that a friend needs to grow in. Work together to grow.
14. Join us for our Easter program, Maundy Thursday service, Easter breakfast, and Easter worship service.
15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

## PRAYER POINTS

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16. Adoration. Praise God for being perfect in knowledge, holiness, power, and love. Praise God for being our Savior! Praise God for being the Just Justifier. Praise God for being the one, and only one, through whom all blessings come.
17. Confession. Confess any ways you are failing to walk in holiness. Confess any indifference to the pursuit of holiness to which you are called. Confess any indifference to the holiness of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Confess any laziness in your approach to the things of God.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you in Jesus and not merely making you savable. Thank God for giving us His Word through different people, at different times, and for different reasons so that we can have a fuller picture of God and His will.
19. Supplication. Ask God to make us a holy church. Ask God to help one of your friends to grow in a specific area of holiness. Ask God to fill us with the knowledge of our salvation, in order that we'd be filled with a greater measure of the joy of our salvation. Ask God to help us understand and live out His Word in every way by the power of the Spirit.