

PAUL AND JAMES COMPLEMENTARY CONCERNING FAITH

(Paul and Justification Compared to James and Sanctification)

☐	Paul, Book of Romans Chapter 4	James, Book of James Chapter 2
1	<p>Paul deals with the doctrine of Justification</p> <p>➔ In context, “Before God” (Romans 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “but not before God” (4:2) • “counted unto him for righteousness” (4:3) • “his faith is counted for righteousness” (4:5) • “God imputed righteousness (4:6) • “strong in faith, giving glory to God” (4:20) 	<p>James deals with the doctrine of Sanctification</p> <p>➔ In context, Before men (James 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “though a man say” (2:14) • “a man may say” (2:18) • “show me” (2:18) • “I will show you” (2:18) • “you see” (2:24)
2	<p>Paul speaks of faith that justifies</p> <p>➔ God alone can see faith in the heart</p> <p>> Righteousness Declared</p>	<p>James speaks of a living faith that justifies</p> <p>➔ Man can only see the outward life of another man (2:14, 17-20). Man cannot see the heart.</p> <p>> Righteousness Demonstrated</p>
3	<p>Paul illustrates from Abraham’s life concerning his conversion (Ge.15:6)</p> <p>➔ Paul shows that Abraham was justified by faith alone, apart from works.</p>	<p>James illustrates from Abraham’s life after his conversion (Ge.22:1-19)</p> <p>➔ James shows what Abraham did when he was asked to give evidence of his faith in God.</p>
4	<p>Paul’s key phrase is “before God” (v.2)</p> <p>➔ Because God alone can see faith in the heart</p> <p>> Justified by FAITH before GOD</p>	<p>James’ key phrase is “show me” (v.18)</p> <p>➔ Because man can not see faith if it is not manifested by works</p> <p>> Justified by WORKS before MAN</p>

Paul in the book of Romans and James chapter 2 compliment each other. Paul deals with the subject of justification. James deals with the subject of sanctification. Justification unto salvation must be first. Then sanctification unto good works should follow. The Biblical account of the council at Jerusalem (**Ac.15:1-29**), shows that Paul and James were in perfect agreement. In Romans Paul is merely emphasizing the truth that faith is the means of justification, while James stresses the fact that good works are the fruit of justification.

Paul says, “Do not depend on your good works to justify you.” James says, “Do not neglect to perform good works if you are justified.” Both are right. When a man is justified by faith, good works are sure to follow.