

Chapter 7: What About Faith Without Works?

Up For Discussion:

1. Do Romans 4 and James 2 contradict each other? _____
2. What justifies you before men? (Page 93) _____
3. What justifies you before God? (Page 93) _____
4. What is Lordship Salvation? (Page 94)

Crucial Point:

You are justified before God by your faith. (Romans 4) You are justified before man by your works. (James 2) For this reason, it is crucial to have a good testimony. The only way for people to see that your faith is real is if your works are real. That being said, God can see your faith regardless of your works. (Romans 4:5)

If you do not have works, you are not justified before men. They either aren't sure if you are saved, or have never considered that you are saved. You will not be able to reach the lost if they think you are not different than them. A good testimony is the best tool you can use in evangelism. However, faith in Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection is the only thing that will justify you before God.

Make It Personal:

1. Do your unsaved friends, coworkers, and family even know you are saved? _____
2. Why or why not?

3. In God's sight, does He know you are saved? _____
4. Why or why not?

5. Is a reason why you can't find the courage to witness possibly because the people you want to witness to are unaware that you are a Christian?
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Assignment:

Find and write Romans 1:16.

Now, think if that describes your testimony before others. Are you ashamed of the gospel of Christ? Determine right now to show your faith by your works (James 2:18) and share the gospel. Make sure everyone you know knows you are saved!

Memorize:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Galatians 3:6-9 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. ⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. ⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Romans 3:24-28 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. ²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? ⁴ For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.