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Week 11 DQ1: GENESIS 15:6 ACCORDING TO JAMES AND PAUL

When it comes to commonalities, Both James and Paul use Abraham as an example of faith being counted as righteousness. When it comes to distinctions, Paul utilizes Abraham's faith to show that salvation is by faith alone, separate from works. He also argues that Abraham was justified prior to performing any actions (circumcision or following the Law). According to Paul, faith is the only way to be justified, and actions are the fruit of faith. James, on the other hand, utilizes Abraham's faith to demonstrate that faith without actions is dead. He highlights Abraham's faith as seen by his readiness to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Faith and works, according to James, are linked, and one without the other is useless. As a result, James and Paul have differing viewpoints on the link between faith and works. The importance of deeds as a manifestation of real faith is emphasized by James, but Paul emphasizes that faith is the foundation of justification and that actions flow from it. While their application of Genesis 15:6 is identical, their perception of it is vastly different.