



Justified By Faith; Vindicated By Works

James 2:14-26

- 1) Salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone (Rom. 3:28; 4:5-6; cf. Gal. 2:16)
- 2) Faith in action vindicates (Jas 1:3, 12, 1:21, 22-23, 27; 2:1-9, 15; 3:2-12; 4:6, 10, 11; 5:8)
 - a) Faith produces the Spirit's fruit (Gal 5:22-23)
 - b) By grace, through faith, unto good works (Eph 2:8-10)
 - c) Faith is to be tested for purity (2 Cor 13:5)
 - i) Have you trusted Christ? (Acts 16:31; cf. John 5:24)
 - ii) Are you concerned for the needy? (Matt 25:31ff.; 1 John 3:17)
 - iii) Do you love God & His people? (2:8; cf. Luke 14:26-27; John 15:12; 1 John 2:4-11)
 - iv) Does your faith exceed the demons? (2:19; cf. Mark 1:24, 34; 3:11; 5:7; Acts 19:15)
- 3) If Christianity were a crime, is there evidence to convict you?
 - a) Abiding in Christ's words (John 8:31-32; 15:4-17)
 - b) Bearing fruit in keeping with repentance (Matt 3:7-9)
 - c) Shining the light of Christ for all to see (Matt 5:16)
 - d) Calling Jesus Lord but denying Him w/ actions? (Matt. 7:21-23)
- 4) True believers in Christ repent, turning away from sin
 - a) *Confessing and disclosing their practices* (Acts 19:18-19)
 - b) Turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God (1 Thess 1:9)
 - c) Example of Zaccheus (Luke 19:8)
 - d) If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine (John 8:31-32)