

Faith That Goes To Work

James 2:14-26

1. Paul & James: Friend or Foe?

“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.” –James 2:24

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” -Ephesians 2:8-9

A. Historical Consideration

B. Contextual Consideration

“It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone: just as it is the heat alone of the sun which warms the earth, and yet in the sun it is not alone, because it is constantly conjoined with light.” -John Calvin

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” -Philippians 2:12-13

2. Faith Without Fruit Is A False Faith

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?” – James 2:14

“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” –James 2:17

“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.” –James 2:26

“You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!” – James 2:19