

James: Faith that Works

A Fruitful Faith (2:20-26)

Introduction: James concludes his case for a fruitful faith with two pieces of evidence from the Old Testament. *James 2:14-19*

Exhibit A: _____ (vv.20-24) Romans 4:1-3

I. Two Stages of (v.23)

A. _____: Our Standing Before God
2 Corinthians 5:21

B. : Our Living for God

II. Two Opposing Kinds of (vv.20-22)

A. _____-driven works to gain God's favor
Galatians 3, Romans 3-4, Ephesians 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6-7; Romans 6:23

B. _____-developed fruits to give God glory
Romans 1:5; Galatians 5:6, 22-23; Genesis 15:16

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III. Two Stages of _____ (v.24)

A. The New Birth is _____ by faith.

B. The New Birth is _____ by Works.

Exhibit B: _____ (v.25) *Joshua 2:1-24, 6:22-27*

1. She received salvation through radical _____.

2. She risked her life through radical _____.

Conclusion: The Closing Argument (v.26) *Ephesians 2:8-10*