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James 2:18-20 ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

· How is faith demonstrated without works?

• Are demons atheist?

• Where will we be shown that faith apart from works is useless?

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James 2:21-26²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" – and he was called a friend of God.²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.²⁴ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁴ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

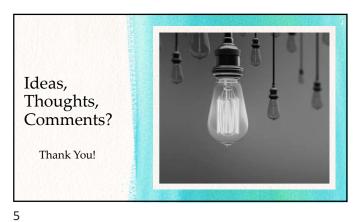
• What does it mean to be justified and how is justification obtained?

• In Matthew 12:37, Jesus says we are justified by our words. Does this contradict Paul and James?

• What does it mean that faith was active along with his works?

• How is this not in direct opposition to Paul's teaching Justified by Faith and not works?

• Why would James use these two individuals as examples?



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