

JAMES 2:14-26

Galilee



MAJOR ISSUE

- **Does James Contradict Paul?**
- **Is Salvation by Faith alone?**

Most difficult in NT!!!

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I. Response to Trials **1:1-18**

II. Responsibility in Trials **1:19-4:17**

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 - A. Essence of Responsibility** 1:19-20
 - B. Be Swift to Hear** 1:21-2:26
 - 1. Hearing is Action** 1:21-27
 - 2. Hearing in Attitudes** 2:1-13
 - 3. Hearing is Active Faith** 2:14-26

KEYS

1. Different Context

Paul - Soteriology

James - Sanctification

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BRETHREN

1:2, 16, 19

2:1, 5, 14

3:1, 10, 12

4:11

5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19

KEYS

1. Different Context

2. Different Area of Faith

Paul - Initial salvation

James - Living by faith

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Trunk

- 1. Car**
- 2. Elephant**
- 3. Tree**
- 4. Communication**
- 5. Attic**
- 6. Swimming**

Salvation

- 1. Basic - deliverance
from danger**
- 2. Past - Justification
from penalty of sin**
- 3. Future - Glorification
from presence of sin**
- 4. Present - Sanctification
from power of sin**

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JUSTIFICATION

- **Declared Righteous before God
by faith without Works**
- **Observed to be Righteous by Men
thru visible acts of Love**

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**1:21, 5:20, Rom 5:10, 1Tim 2:15,
Phil 2:12-13 (σωτηρία)**

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2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

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2:20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

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**Is your WALK
of FAITH visible,
alive, useful?**

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