

sermon notes

Justified By God Through Faith, Justified in the Sight of People By Works James 2:20-26 — April 10, 2022

introduction: encounter with Mormon missionaries, who misunderstood James chapter 2

The term “justified” means “declared to be righteous.”

1. Sinners are declared righteous by God through _____faith_____ (James 2:23). God credits righteousness to their account.

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 15:6 (the example of Abraham)

Romans 4:3

Galatians 3:6

2 Corinthians 5:21

Luke 23:42-43

2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8

Words can have different meanings in different contexts. For example, the word “save” (Matthew 1:21; Exodus 14:30; Matthew 14:30).

2. Saved people are declared righteous in the sight of ___others___ by their works (James 2:20-22, 24-26). Their good works prove that they are righteous.

supporting Scriptures: Luke 7:35

Romans 3:4

Genesis 22:1-14 (the example of Abraham)

Hebrews 11:17-18

Joshua 2:9-11 (the example of Rahab)

Hebrews 11:31

Ephesians 2:8-10

Matthew 5:16