

PAUL'S EMPHASIS	JAMES' EMPHASIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Romans 3:28 ESV) For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV) 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (James 2:14 NIV84) What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? (James 2:24 ESV) You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
SAVED THROUGH FAITH	CLAIMS TO HAVE FAITH
JUSTIFIED BY FAITH APART FROM WORKS	FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD
WORKS OF THE LAW	WORKS OF FAITH
FAITH THAT ... SAVES APART FROM HUMAN EFFORT.	FAITH THAT ... PROVES GENUINE BY LOVE & OBEDIENCE.
ISSUE IS ACCEPTANCE	ISSUE IS LOVE & OBEDIENCE
"This is what I will do so God will accept me."	"True to my stated belief, I love and obey God."
EXAMPLES FROM 1ST CENTURY: I will be circumcised so God will accept me. I will continue to follow the OT dietary restrictions. I will live under the OT law and the traditions of the Jewish religion.	EXAMPLE: Rahab believed and obeyed. "I know that the Lord has given you the land" (Joshua 2:9). She acted in accordance to her stated belief as she helped the spies escape and she put the scarlet cord out to identify her for the invading Israelites.
EXAMPLES NOW: Any human tradition that requires some work to gain God's acceptance (Colossians 2:8). Church attendance. Tithing. Water baptism. Read the Bible. Help with the food pantry.	EXAMPLE: Abraham believed and obeyed God. Abraham loved God first, even more than he loved his son. "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much" (Genesis 22:2). He knew that God would "provide a sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8).

