

Prove Your Faith!

Romans 2:11-16

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Acceptance, Judgment, and Justification

Acceptance by God

- Hebrews 11:2,6
- God accepts us on the basis of our faith in Jesus Christ

Judgment by God

- I Peter 1:17
- God judges us by our works of faith
- Note: These are different from works of the Law (Galatians 2:16)

Justification before God

- James 2:24,26
- God justifies those whom He has accepted by their faith, and judged righteous by their works of faith

True faith must have works in order to result in justification!

Justification by Faith and Works

James 2:23,21

- Faith: Abraham believed and was credited with righteousness
- Works: Abraham offered up Isaac and was justified

Romans 4:25

- Faith: Christ died trusting His Father; this gives us forgiveness for sin and acceptance by God
- Works: The Father raised Him up; this gives us justification before God

Application for us:

- The faith that Jesus had in His Father was proved by the work of the Father raising Him up over death
- Likewise, the faith that you have in the Father is proved by the Father raising you up over death (sin)

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2. “Hearers-Only”

The attitude that results in condemnation:

- James 1:21-27
- “The mirror don’t lie” : the Word of God shows them their true condition, but they refuse to acknowledge it.

Those who justify themselves, God cannot justify

3. “Hearers-and-Doers”

The works of faith that result in justification:

1. Remaining humble (Luke 18:14)
2. Taking your thoughts captive (Romans 2:15-16)
3. Bridling your tongue (Matthew 12:35-37, James 1:26)
4. Helping those who cannot help in return (James 1:27)
5. Keeping yourself unstained by the world (James 1:27)