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FAITH SACRIFICES James 2:20-24

Two Pictures of Faith...

- _____ faith...
 - ▶ Which does not save.
- _____ faith...
 - ▶ Which does save.

Two Pictures of Righteousness...

- Positional Righteousness...
 - ▶ How we _____ before God.
- Practical Righteousness...
 - ▶ How we _____ before God.

Two Pictures of Works...

- Works fueled by the _____ ...
 - ▶ Which do not honor God.
- Works that are the fruit of _____...
 - ▶ Which bring great glory to God.
 - ▶ How do they work?
 - Faith _____ works.
 - Works _____ faith.

Two Pictures of Justification...

- _____ Justification...
 - ▶ The inception of the Christian's life.
 - ▶ The danger Paul wants us to avoid: Thinking that works are a necessary _____ of our salvation.
- _____ Justification...
 - ▶ The confirmation of the Christian's life.
 - ▶ The danger James wants us to avoid: Thinking that works are not necessary as _____ of our salvation.

- **Initial** Justification...
 - ▶ The inception of the Christian's life.
 - ▶ The danger Paul wants us to avoid: Thinking that works are a necessary **basis or means** of our salvation.
- **Final** Justification...
 - ▶ The confirmation of the Christian's life.
 - ▶ The danger James wants us to avoid: Thinking that works are not necessary as **evidence** of our salvation.

Two Pictures of Justification...

- Works fueled by the **flesh**...
 - ▶ Which do not honor God.
 - ▶ Works that are the fruit of **faith**...
 - ▶ Which bring great glory to God.
 - ▶ How do they work?
 - Faith **creates** works.
 - Works **complete** faith.

Two Pictures of Works...

- Positional Righteousness...
 - ▶ How we **stand** before God.
- Practical Righteousness...
 - ▶ How we **live** before God.

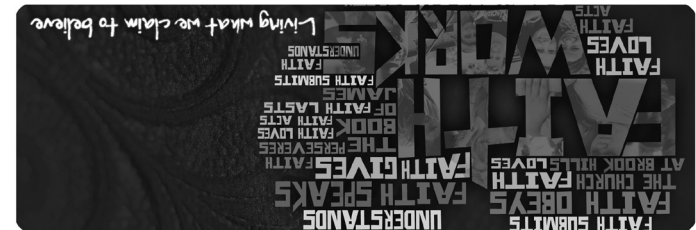
Two Pictures of Righteousness...

- **Dead** faith...
 - ▶ Which does not save.
- **Living** faith...
 - ▶ Which does save.

Two Pictures of Faith...

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Two Truths to Remember...

- Salvation is by _____.
 - ▶ By initial faith in Christ, we are made right before God the _____.
 - Christ is the _____ of our salvation.
 - Faith is the _____ of our salvation.
 - ▶ This gives us radical _____.
- Faith _____.
 - ▶ By continual faith in Christ, we walk with God as _____.
 - ▶ This results in radical _____.
 - We trust God _____.
 - We follow God _____.

Two Truths to Remember...

- Salvation is by **faith**.
 - ▶ By initial faith in Christ, we are made right before God the **Father**.
 - Christ is the **basis** of our salvation.
 - Faith is the **means** of our salvation.
 - ▶ This gives us radical **confidence**.
- Faith **works**.
 - ▶ By continual faith in Christ, we walk with God as **friend**.
 - ▶ This results in radical **obedience**.
 - We trust God **wholeheartedly**.
 - We follow God **sacrificially**.