

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of April 30th

***Last week's sermon can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

1. Why did Martin Luther at one point in his life find the book of Romans and the book of James to be at odds with each other? _____

2. Read Romans 3:9-24. What is the purpose of the Law as seen in vv. 19-20? _____

3. According to the verses above from Romans 3, how does man obtain the "righteousness of God"? _____

4. What is the difference between imputed righteousness (Romans 4:4-6) and practical righteousness (Romans 6:15-16)? _____

5. How does man contribute to justification? _____

6. Read James 2:14-17. As referenced here, what kind of faith cannot save? _____

7. In your own words, explain the meaning of v. 18? _____

8. Both Paul in Romans (4:1-3) and James in his epistle (2:21-23) referenced the life of Abraham. How do the actions of Genesis 22 prove the genuineness of the faith in Genesis 15? _____

9. What is the difference between how Paul and James used the word "justified"? _____

10. From James 2 and many other Scripture we learn that it is possible to have spurious or false faith. How should we interact with someone whom we believe does not possess saving faith? _____

Quote: "Knowledge of God can no more connect a man with God than the sight of the sun can carry him to space."

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH OR WORKS?

Selected Scriptures

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on **"Justified by Faith or Works?"**. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Pastor Bryan's goal is to show how what two teachings coordinate together?
2. What have many people down through the centuries accused Paul and James of doing?
3. What two main subjects does the Bible continually address?
4. The first part of the book of Romans (chapter 1-5) deals specifically with what?
5. What book of the Bible primarily led to the Protestant Reformation?
6. Who said, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"
7. Romans tells us that man is justified by what?
8. James says that a faith that doesn't result in works is not what?
9. What kind of scene do we have when coming to Romans 1-3?
10. Paul concludes his case in Romans 3:9-20 by showing that all are what?
11. How do we become righteous?

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12. Salvation is a gift apart from what?
13. What illustration does Paul use to teach justification by faith alone?
14. What chapter in the Old Testament shows us where Abraham was justified-declared righteous?
15. What do we have from the time we are born until we believe?
16. Justification is God imputing what to our account and forgiving what?
17. Our confidence in our salvation rests on what?
18. What is the only work that is significant when it comes to salvation?
19. Paul argues for the what (when it comes to faith)?
20. James argues for the what (when it comes to faith)?
21. The individual James is referring to has a what?
22. What is the obvious answer to James's question about a faith without works being able to save?
23. James's entire thrust is that a faith that doesn't result in works isn't what?
24. Is verse 18 saying that works produce faith?
25. What is one of the most shocking verses in all of the Bible?
26. If you claim to have faith but that faith hasn't changed your life then your faith is just like whose faith?
27. We are saved by faith, but faith isn't just what?
28. James wants to illustrate his point so he uses whom as an illustration?
29. When James uses Abraham to make his point, he refers back to what Old Testament passage?
30. How many years separate Abraham's justification by faith alone and his proving the genuineness of that faith in Genesis 22?
31. Who was used by James as a second illustration of faith that results in works?
32. What was the proof of Rahab's faith?
33. True, saving faith results in a what?
34. According to John, whoever is born of God does not and cannot practice what?
35. According to John, how are the children of God and the children of Satan distinguished from one another?
36. What did Paul say to do in 2 Corinthians 13:5
37. What passage brings together the concepts found in Romans and in James?
38. According to Ephesians 2:8-10, salvation is by what?
39. Does true, saving faith ever stand alone?
40. Whenever a person places faith in Christ and becomes, "in Christ," then he becomes a what?
41. Paul and James's message combine together to give the full picture of a salvation that is not based upon works but most certainly results in what?
42. Have you ever stopped to examine yourself to see if you are of the faith?
43. What kinds of "works" do you see in your life that would give you encouragement to the genuineness of your faith?