

## Concluding James 2

### *Distinguishing Gospel of Jesus Christ from James 2*

<b>The Gospel of Jesus Christ</b>	<b>James 2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All have sinned (Rom. 3:23)</li> <li>Sin leads to death (Rom. 6:23)</li> <li>Christ died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3-4)</li> <li>The gift of God is eternal life (Rom. 6:23)</li> <li>Whoever believes in Christ receives eternal life (John 3:16), is born again, becomes a child of God (John 1:12)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Who is the audience?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James 1:2, 16, 19; 2:1, 5, 14</li> <li>James 1:18</li> </ul> <p><i>What is the context?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrying the faith (2:1)</li> <li>Having a profitable faith (2:14)</li> </ul>
<b>Judicial Justification</b>	<b>Practical Justification</b>
<p><i>Definition:</i> Declared <u>POSITIONALLY</u> righteous; given a righteous standing before God at a <u>POINT</u> in time. (Romans 3:21-4:8; Galatians 2:14-16)</p> <p><i>What is required?</i> <b>faith ONLY</b></p> <p><i>Who sees?</i> <b>God ONLY</b></p>	<p><i>Definition:</i> Declared <u>PRACTICALLY</u> righteous, demonstrating the righteousness of God <u>THROUGHOUT</u> life. (Romans 12-16; Galatians 5-6)</p> <p><i>What is required?</i> <b>faith AND works</b></p> <p><i>Who sees?</i> <b>God AND men</b></p>

**Question:** Is the faith of a believer useful without good works? (2:14) **No!** (2:15-26)

#### ***Argument #4 -***

##### **Example of Rahab and Her Active Faith (2:25)**

- In this sense Rahab was justified: she demonstrated her faith in God (Josh. 2:11) by doing something \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 2:4, 15) which revealed the condition of her heart.

#### ***Argument #5 -***

##### **Conclusion Illustration — a Lifeless Corpse (2:26)**

- Paraphrase: A body without the spirit is \_\_\_\_\_; so also is a faith without works.
- Application: God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you, His child, to live out His purposes for you.

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**Key Principle:** A child of God who is \_\_\_\_\_ God's thoughts will be actively engaged in sacrificial service for others due to their love for people who are loved by God.

# The Good Work of Tongue Taming

## James 3:1-8

### A. The Value of Wholesome Words (3:1-2)

- *A warning to those who want to influence with words:* there should be \_\_\_\_\_ teachers among the brethren.
  - Why? Because teachers “shall receive a \_\_\_\_\_ judgment”
- *A vulnerable admission that James leads us in:* Words are \_\_\_\_\_, but my history reveals that I have not appreciated their value.
  - We need to \_\_\_\_\_!
    - Psalm 19:14
    - Colossians 4:2-6
    - Ephesians 4:15, 25-32

### B. The Controlling Power of the Tongue (3:3-5a)

- *Illustration #1* – Horses (v3)
- *Illustration #2* – Ships (v4)

### C. The Dangerous Power of the Tongue (3:5b-8)

- *Description #1:* “The tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_” (v6a)
- *Description #2:* The tongue is “a world of \_\_\_\_\_” (v6b)
- *Description #3:* “The tongue... \_\_\_\_\_ the whole body” (v6c)
- *Description #4:* The tongue “sets on \_\_\_\_\_ the course of nature” (v6d)
- *Description #5:* The tongue “is set on fire by \_\_\_\_\_” (v6e)
- *Description #6:* The tongue, more “unruly” than any beast, is \_\_\_\_\_ (v7-8a)
- *Description #7:* The tongue is “full of deadly \_\_\_\_\_” (v8b)

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**Applying a Key Principle:** A child of God who is embracing God’s thoughts will be creatively and joyfully using words to build up and bless people who are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.