

James
Chapter 2
Student

Contents: The tests of brotherly love and good words. Justification (getting approval) from mankind for what we do. **[See Proverbs 27:2]**

Characters: **CHRIST**, James, Abraham, Isaac, Rahab.

Conclusion: Those who are possessors of **CHRIST**'s salvation, which the poorest Christian may partake of equally with the rich, and to which all earthly glory is but vanity, should not make men's outward advantages the measure of their respect, but should love all, rich or poor, as themselves.

The certain evidence of faith is good works. While it is faith that justifies, the faith that justifies can never be alone.

Key Word: Brotherly love, 8. Works, 14.

Strong Verses: 5, 8, 10, 14, 20.

Striking Facts: There is perfect harmony between James and Paul on justification. Paul focus is mankind's relationship to **GOD**, in which he is "*justified by faith apart from works.*" James' focus is mankind's relationship to his neighbor, in which case works are the *visible evidence of faith*. It is reasonable to expect that any profession of faith in **CHRIST** which bears no fruit, is an empty profession (i.e. no faith at all).

Questions:

1. Who is Rahab?

2. Who else believes that there is one GOD? Reference to "**oneness of GOD**"

3. Can you be righteous before GOD if you only break one of the ten LAWS?

4. Is it a sin to show partiality?

5. Can you be saved by works?

Discussion Question: Is there anytime that a "Follower of the WAY" can justify NOT inactivity regarding helping our neighbor? Who is my neighbor? See Old Testament

“Strangers” and “Neighbors”

Old Testament

Exodus 12:48 And when a **stranger** dwells with you *and wants* to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

Exodus 12:49 One law shall be for the native-born and for the **stranger** who dwells among you."

Exodus 18:3 with her two sons, of whom the name of one *was* Gershom (for he said, "I have been a **stranger** in a foreign land")

Exodus 20:10 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your **stranger** who *is* within your gates.

Exodus 22:21 "You shall neither mistreat a **stranger** nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 23:9 "Also you shall not oppress a **stranger**, for you know the heart of a **stranger**, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 23:12 Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the **stranger** may be refreshed.

Leviticus 16:29 "*This* shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a **stranger** who dwells among you.

Leviticus 17:12 Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any **stranger** who dwells among you eat blood.'

Leviticus 17:15 "And every person who eats what died *naturally* or what was torn *by beasts*, *whether he is* a native of your own country or a **stranger**, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean.

Leviticus 18:26 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any **stranger** who dwells among you

Leviticus 19:10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather *every* grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the **stranger**: I *am* the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 'And if a **stranger** dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. 34 The **stranger** who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Leviticus 23:22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any **gleaning** from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the **stranger**: I *am* the LORD your God.' "

Leviticus 24:16 And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the **stranger** as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name *of the* LORD, he shall be put to death.

Leviticus 24:22 You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I *am* the LORD your God.' "

Leviticus 25:6 And the sabbath *produce* of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you,

Leviticus 25:35 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

Leviticus 25:47 'Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and *one of your* brethren *who dwells* by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family,

Numbers 9:14 'And if a stranger dwells among you, and would keep the LORD's Passover, he must do so according to the rite of the Passover and according to its ceremony; you shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and the native of the land.' "

Numbers 15:14 And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever *is* among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do. 15 One ordinance *shall be* for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells *with you*, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. 16 One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.' "

Numbers 15:26 It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people *did it* unintentionally.

Numbers 15:29 You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, *for* him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.

Numbers 15:30 'But the person who does *anything* presumptuously, *whether he is* native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.

Numbers 19:10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.

Numbers 35:15 These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there.

Deuteronomy 1:16 "Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him.

Deuteronomy 5:14 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 10:19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the **stranger** and the fatherless and the widow who *are* within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deuteronomy 16:11 You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who *is* within your gates, the **stranger** and the fatherless and the widow who *are* among you, at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide.

Deuteronomy 16:14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the **stranger** and the fatherless and the widow, who *are* within your gates.

Deuteronomy 24:17 "You shall not pervert justice due the **stranger** or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:19 "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the **stranger**, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 24:20 When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the **stranger**, the fatherless, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the **stranger**, the fatherless, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 25:5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be *married* to a **stranger** outside *the family*; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

Deuteronomy 26:11 So you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the **stranger** who *is* among you.

Deuteronomy 26:12 "When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given *it* to the Levite, the **stranger**, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled,

Deuteronomy 26:13 then you shall say before the LORD your God: 'I have removed the holy *tithe* from *my* house, and also have given them to the Levite, the **stranger**, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten *them*.

Deuteronomy 27:19 'Cursed *is* the one who perverts the justice due the **stranger**, the fatherless, and widow.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

Deuteronomy 29:11 your little ones and your wives—also the **stranger** who *is* in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water—

Deuteronomy 31:12 Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the **stranger** who *is* within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,

Joshua 8:33 Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of

the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them *were* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

Joshua 20:9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwelt among them, that whoever killed a person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation.

Psalms 69:8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children;

Psalms 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless. 7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand." 8 Understand, you senseless among the people; And *you* fools, when will you be wise? 9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? 10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile.

Jeremiah 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all *you of* Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD!' " 3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD *are* these.' 5 "For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, 6 if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, 7 then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

Jeremiah 14:8 O the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time of trouble, Why should You be like a stranger in the land, And like a traveler *who* turns aside to tarry for a night?

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus says the LORD: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

Ezekiel 22:7 In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow.

Ezekiel 22:29 The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.

Ezekiel 47:23 And it shall be *that* in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give *him* his inheritance," says the Lord GOD.

New Testament

Matthew 25:31 ***"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*** 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from

another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. **34** Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

Luke 10:29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."