

James 2:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Analysis

Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith only—meaning faith alone is never alone. Works vindicate faith before observers. James summarizes his argument: genuine faith necessarily produces deeds.

Reformed theology resolves James and Paul by distinguishing the cause (faith alone) from the evidence (works). James combats empty claims without denying justification's foundation.

Historical Context

This statement countered distortions of Paul's teaching circulating among diaspora Jews. James clarifies that Paul and he agree: the faith that justifies must manifest obedience, as Paul's letters repeatedly insist (e.g., Titus 3:8).",

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How would those around you see your faith through your works?
2. What habits can help align your confession with your conduct?
3. How does this verse challenge comfortable nominalism?

Interlinear Text

ὁρᾶτε τοίνυν ὅτι ἐκ ἔργων δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος
Ye see then how that by works is justified a man
G3708 G5106 G3754 G1537 G2041 G1344 G444

καὶ οὐκ ἐκ πίστεως μόνον
and not by faith G3441
G2532 G3756 G1537 G4102

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