



# The Epistle of St. James

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## Chapter 2

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# What is St. James addressing

- Those who claim that Faith is the only necessary and sufficient condition to be saved.
- Some attribute that to a misunderstanding of the St. Paul's preaching.
- The reaction to the Judiazation of Christianity.



# St. Peter on St. Paul's letter

- 2Pe 3:15 And think of the long-suffering of our Lord *as* salvation (as our beloved brother Paul also has written to you according to the wisdom given to him
- **2Pe 3:16** as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also *they do* the rest of the Scriptures, to *their* own destruction).

# St. Paul and our work reflecting our faith



- Rom 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from *the* dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- Rom 6:13 Do not yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but yield yourselves to God, as *one* alive from *the* dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to Go
- Rom 6:19 ... even so now yield your members as slaves to righteousness unto holiness.
- Romans 12: Christian Attitude
- Romans 13-16: Christian behavior



- 1Co 13:2 And though I have prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so as to move mountains, and do not have charity, I am nothing.
- 1 Co 13: Description of Charity = Work
- **Gal 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love.



- **1Th 1:3** remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father



# Evil work leads to hell

- **Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound?
- **1Co 6:7** Indeed then there is already on the whole a failure among you, that you have lawsuits with yourselves. Why not instead be wronged? Why not instead be defrauded?
- 1Co 6:8 But you do wrong and defraud, and these things to brothers.
- 1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals,
- 1Co 10:12 So let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.



- **Gal 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness,
- Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, angers, rivalries, divisions, heresies,
- Gal 5:21 envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revelings, and things like these; of which I tell you before, as I also said before, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith,
- Gal 5:23 meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- Gal 5:24 But those belonging to Christ have crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts.



# Faith and Work

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- Faith that is not translated into work is theoretical and is not real
- The West looked at faith as a theoretical aspect only, I lost their faith.
- Let's not rely on philosophy to understand faith but understand it through implementation



# Faith + Work

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Faith + Work = Spirit + Body

As long as we are alive we need to live  
our faith