

## James Chapter 2: Part 3

What does “faith” look like?

Theme: This is the third and last in the series where we will explore the topic of faith; or specifically, what does faith look like? What is Biblical, “saving” faith? What does it look like to believe and trust in Christ?

### 1. Rahab and faith

Jas 2:25 –Jas 2:26 (TNIV)

**In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

Who was she? (see Joshua 2 & 6:17-25)

What did she believe? (Joshua 2:8)

Therefore, what did she do? (Joshua 6:25)

Could she have “believed” and not acted?

### 2. How are we made right (“justified”) with God?

The Pattern from the beginning

Jas 2:23 (TNIV) quoting from Genesis 15:6

**And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.**

The pattern in the New Testament

Gal 3:6 –Gal 3:8 (NIV)

**Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”**

**Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham..”**

### 3. The seeming contradiction

Jas 2:24 (TNIV) **You see that people are justified by what they do and not by faith alone.**

versus

Rom 3:28 (NIV) **For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.**