

Active Faith

Day by Day in the Letter of James

- ◆ News that all need to hear: People can be _____ (2:24)
- ◆ Why do I need to be justified? Because I am a _____ of the law (2:2-11)
- ◆ Whose law? The _____ of glory (2:1, 8; Rom 3:23; 2 Cor 5:10)
- ◆ This Lord is Jesus the Christ, whose law can provide _____ from sin (2:12-13)
- ◆ Those who are free from sin are exercising _____ faith (2:14)
- ◆ Why? Because inactive “faith” is _____ (2:15-17)
- ◆ Empty, passive, unyielding intellectual _____ is not active faith (2:18-20)
- ◆ What is active faith? (2:21-25)

⇒ Consider the input of *Hebrews 11*:

- By faith Abel **offered** an acceptable sacrifice to God (11:4)
- By faith Enoch **pleased** God and was taken up (11:5)
- By faith Noah **constructed** an ark (11:7)
- By faith Abraham **obeyed** when he was called to go out (11:8-10, 17-19)
- By faith Sarah **considered** him faithful who had promised (11:11)
- By faith Isaac **invoked** future blessings on his sons (11:20)
- By faith Jacob **blessed** the sons of Joseph (11:21)
- By faith Joseph **made mention** of the exodus and gave directions (11:22)
- By faith Moses **was hidden** by his parents (11:23)
- By faith Moses **refused** the fleeting pleasures of sin (11:24-28)
- By faith the people of Israel **crossed** the Red Sea (11:29)
- By faith the people of Israel **encircled** the walls of Jericho (11:30)

⇒ Active faith is shaped by hope and fueled by _____ (*Heb 11:1*)

⇒ Active faith lays aside the weight of sin and compels _____ to run the race (*Heb 12:1-2*)

⇒ Without active faith, it is _____ to please God (*Heb 11:6*)

⇒ Active faith is _____ (2:26), helpful (2:16), and useful (2:20)

⇒ Active faith is _____ faith (2:14)