



## **James Faith – Works = Dead**

As we move into our study into the writings of James the half brother of our Messiah... we find what sounds like a very different message than what we hear from the Apostle Paul. And the reason that so many of our would be brothers and sisters wrongly think that James and Paul are teaching two very different and distinct Gospel messages... is because they don't understand the context, or the culture, or the challenges that the Apostle Paul was confronted with during his many journeys.. and we'll get into that as we move forward so stay with me.

Much of today's modern day Christendom has replaced their Messiah... the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob... with the Apostle Paul. They have traded their Messiah for their Messiah's Apostle.

Much of today's modern day Christendom clings to the words of the Apostle Paul and completely negates, and makes void... what their Messiah has told them... thinking in their small minds... and through the wisdom of men... that Paul taught a different Gospel message than Yahshua taught, or than James his brother taught. And because they have twisted the truth of Paul's writings as they do the other scriptures... they have literally birthed... a new religion. And they call their new religion Christianity... but it is not. Just like the Vatican and her Pope call Catholicism Christianity... and it is not.

And so as we read through the writings of the brother of our Messiah, James... we find James telling us many of the same things that his brother told us when he was with us. What did James brother tell us? He told us that he did not come to abolish the Prophets or the law of his Father. He told us that not the crossing of a “t” or the dotting of an “i” would pass from his Fathers law until Heaven and Earth pass away. He told us to do and observe what ever the Pharisees tell us to do when they sit in the seat of Moses reciting the law in Matthew 23:1-3. He told us that there is only one God not three in Mark 12:29... and he told us that the greatest commandment is to love your Father in Heaven with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might, and he told us to teach these things diligently to our children and he told us that the second most important law was like it... that we should love our brother as ourselves.

And so I want us to keep these things in mind my friends... and as we read through the writings of Yahshua's brother James... we're going to hear the voice of our Messiah speaking. And we're going to recognize the tone and the pitch, and the heart, and the soul, and the resonance... of our

Messiah in this letter written by James.

In today's modern day version of Christianity... we often hear it said that the Gospel of James and the Gospel of Paul are two different Gospels... because James was preaching and teaching to the Jews and Paul was preaching and teaching to the Gentiles, but I tell you the truth my friends... that demonically inspired nonsense is nothing more than a cheap bottle of snake oil that isn't worth the time it takes to hear it.

You see deception is like the plague my friends. You catch it the same way as you catch the Black Plague. All you have to do is to come into contact with someone who has the Plague... and if your not wearing your protective gear, you will catch it. It's highly contagious. If you come into contact with someone who has the Black Plague and you don't have on your mask and your rubber gloves, and your shoe coverings and your protective gear... you're leaving yourself wide open to receiving that life steeling plague. And by the same token... if you come into contact with someone who is full of deception and you don't have on the full armor of God and belt of truth, and the breastplate of righteousness, and the gospel of peace, and the shield of faith with which you can distinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one... then your going to catch that life steeling Plague. You're going to catch that deception... and its going to get into your brain, and your going to believe it, and it's going to eat you alive my friends... and not only that... but you're then leaving your children wide open to catch the same life steeling plague that you have.

Many modern day denominational charters of men teach and preach that Paul and James were teaching two different Gospels because James was teaching the Jews and Paul was teaching the Gentiles. And they will wrongly teach and preach that there are two statues.... one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. And they will wrongly teach and preach that there are two laws... one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. And they will wrongly teach and preach that there are two churches one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. They have caught the life steeling Plague of the spirit. They are sick and they don't even know it.

And where did they catch that Plague of deception from?... they caught it from their so called disobedient early church Fathers who were anti simetic Jew hating power mongers... and they caught it from their Bible commentators who caught it from their anti semetic Jew hating early church Fathers, and their institutions of men brought forth by none other than the Devil himself. That's where they caught it, and they want us to bring our children to them so that they can contaminate our children so that they can turn our children against us, so that they can bend us and twist us into conforming to their Black Plague of death just like they've done with the majority of pour would be professing Christians all over the world who don't know any better.

The Gospel messages of both Paul and James are the exactly the same. The only difference is in the delivery of the Message... not the Message itself. We must remember the warning given to us by the Apostle Peter found in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:15-18:

*2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,*

*2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

*2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

*2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

The reason that the majority of today's modern day professing Christians think that Paul was preaching and teaching against the law of our Father in Heaven... and that James was preaching for the law of our Father in Heaven... is because they don't understand the culture, or the circumstances, or the challenges, or the many very different false religions that Paul was forced to deal with. They don't understand who the Gnostic's were or who the Epicureans were, or who the Pagan Astrologers were, or what they believed in.

Paul was trying to convert his new Gentile converts who once believed in an army of different gods like Astarte, and Baal, Anat, and Dagon, and all kinds of Babylonian Astrology, and the many different gods of Egypt like Isis, Osiris, and Serapis, and all kinds of cults and rituals and myths created by men and their doctrines of demons.

Paul was not just dealing with people who had no religion... Paul was actually competing for the hearts and minds of people who already had their own religions and idea's about who God was, and where he or she came from. Paul was competing against an army of false gods and goddesses, and traditions, and myths, and man made ideas about who God was, and the competition was fierce, and the fight was never ending because just as soon as Paul had them headed in the right direction... someone would come into the assembly and tell them something different, and try to lead them astray... and Paul would have to go back and undo all the confusion and set them straight again.

To many would be modern day Christians completely and utterly misquote and misunderstand what Paul is trying to tell us through his letters to the churches because they don't understand the challenges that Paul faced from this army of false gods and their false religions.

For example take Colossians 2:16:

*Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.*

I can not tell you how many Christians believe that Paul is trying to tell the Gentiles that they

don't have to keep our Fathers dietary law, or his appointments or his feast days or his calendar or his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath... because they have taken this scripture and twisted it to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures.

People will actually quote this scripture to me thinking that they don't have to keep the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath of our Father... who said that his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath was a sign between him and his people... a perpetual agreement for all generations for ever. And yet... they will actually quote Colossians 2:16 thinking that Paul is telling them that they can ignore our Fathers feast days, laws, appointments, and precepts, and Sabbaths... and why? Because they don't know who Paul was speaking to, or what Paul was warning the assembly about.

Many of Paul's new converts had just come out of a mixed bag of false belief systems and believing in other gods... and the Gnostic's in particular believed in worshipping Angles... and they believed in what is called "Asceticism" which means that they believed in the abstinence of worldly pleasures, and they did not believe in pursuing spiritual goals. The Gnostic's believed in the renunciation of material possessions and physical pleasures. If you indulged in a feast... that was pleasing to the body... you were sinning according to the Gnostic's. The Gnostic's were the Devils henchmen... who were full of their own wisdom and philosophy... much the same as today's modern day Christian leadership is.

The Gnostic's had come into the Colossian Church and were trying to tell the new converts that they didn't have to keep the feast days of our Father in Heaven and that they didn't have to keep our Fathers calendar or observe his Sabbaths because these were all things that the Gnostic's had done away with. So when Paul told the Colossian Church not to let anyone pass judgment on them in questions of food or drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath... he wasn't telling them to ignore our Fathers commandments... he was telling them not to let the Gnostic's judge them for keeping our Fathers commandments.

In order to understand Colossians 2:16... all you have to do is back up and read the contense of the chapter. What does Paul say just a few verses up in Colossians 2:8:

*Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to **human tradition**, according to the **elemental spirits of the world**, and not according to Christ.*

Clearly Paul is talking about (and I quote): "Human Traditions" not Gods law. He's talking about the "Elemental spirits of the world" not Gods Commandments. What does Paul tell us in Colossians 2:18 and 19:

*Col 2:18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on **asceticism** and **worship of angels**, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,*

*Col 2:19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.*

You see he's telling the Colossian church not to listen to the Gnostic's who believed in Asceticism and the worshiping of angles because they were coming into the church and trying to confuse them, and to get them to come back to their old religion. Listen to what Paul says in Colossians 2:20-23:

*Col 2:20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—*

*Col 2:21 "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"*

*Col 2:22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to **human precepts and teachings?***

*Col 2:23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.*

So once again we find that Colossians 2:16 has nothing to do with ignoring our Fathers festivals or his calendar or his Sabbath... it has everything to do with not allowing others to judge us for keeping and observing our Fathers festivals, and his calendar, and his Sabbaths. And my friends there are people still out there today who judge us for keeping these things because much like the Gnostic's... they believe that they don't have to keep the commandments of our Father in Heaven because they've been told that they're saved by Grace apart from Works... and because they're saved by Grace apart from works... they believe that there are no works and that they don't need works to have faith in the Messiah. But we're gong to find out just how wrong they are as we read the Gospel message given by James here in chapter two of James. Today's Gnostic's have evolved my friends into a band of once saved always saved, do as thou wilt is the whole of the law blaspheming Jew haters who think that they themselves have replaced our Fathers chosen elect.

And so I say all of that to say this... do not let them tell you and your children that James and Paul taught two different Gospels... they did not... and the only reason that they want you to believe such nonsense is because they want to drag you away from what the scriptures tell us... and back to what men tell us. They want to put the chains and shackles back on your hands and feet, so that they can drag you back into the darkness that is the wisdom of men. And the wisdom of men has always been in direct opposition to the commandments of our Father in Heaven. And so as we read the writings of the Apostle James... lets pay close attention to what he tells us about things like the "Law" and "works"... and lets see if what James says is the same thing that today's modern day denominational charters of men say.

And so with that... lets read James chapter 2:

*Jas 2:1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.*

*Jas 2:2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,*

*Jas 2:3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"*

*Jas 2:4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

*Jas 2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?*

*Jas 2:6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?*

*Jas 2:7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?*

*Jas 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.*

*Jas 2:9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.*

*Jas 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.*

*Jas 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.*

*Jas 2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.*

*Jas 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

*Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

*Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,*

*Jas 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?*

*Jas 2:17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

*Jas 2:18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

*Jas 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!*

*Jas 2:20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?*

*Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?*

*Jas 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;*

*Jas 2:23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.*

*Jas 2:24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.*

*Jas 2:25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?*

*Jas 2:26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.*

So now that we've read the second chapter of the book of James... let me ask you my friends... from verses one to eight... who does that sound like to you. Lets read them again... just verses 1-8:

*Jas 2:2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,*

*Jas 2:3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"*

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*Jas 2:8 If you really fulfill the **royal law** according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.*

Does this not sound exactly like his brother the Messiah? Always drawing attention away from the rich man and back to the poor man? Always exalting the meek... and the poor? And notice here in verse 8 what James calls the law... he calls it and I quote... "The Royal Law". Why does he call the law royal? Because it has been put forth by our Father in Heaven who is indeed... royalty... he is in fact a royalty far and above any earthly royalty. And so lets continue with verses 9-12:

*Jas 2:9 But **if you show partiality, you are committing sin** and are **convicted by the law** as transgressors.*

*Jas 2:10 **For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.***

*Jas 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, **you have become a transgressor of the law.***

*Jas 2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under **the law of liberty.***

Listen to what James says about our Father's law in verse 10... he says and I quote "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it." Now let me ask you my friends... does it sound like James is talking about a law that's done away with? Does it sound like James is talking about a law that is a curse? Does it sound like James is talking about a law that is bondage? Does it sound like James is talking about a law that's been nailed to a tree somewhere?

And what does James call the law in verse 12? "So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under **the law of liberty.**" What does James mean by the "Law of liberty"? Our Father in

Heavens Law is a Law of liberty from sin my friends. It frees us from the bondage of the flesh... his Law free us from the bondage of the world. His law frees us from the bondage of addiction, depression, heart ach, and his Law replaces those things with peace, love, joy, and a happiness that no man can give.

But is this what modern day Christendom teaches? No. Today's modern day Christianity often teaches that the law of liberty is all about Romans 14. Lets read Romans 14:

*Rom 14:1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.*

*Rom 14:2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.*

*Rom 14:3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.*

*Rom 14:4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

*Rom 14:5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.*

*Rom 14:6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.*

Once again today's modern day version of Christianity wrongly thinks that Romans chapter 14 is all about being free from our Fathers wicked law... because they believe that our Fathers law is a curse. They believe that our Fathers law is bondage. They believe that our Fathers law had all kinds of mistakes in it that our Father in Heaven made... and that's why God abolished it... because he made a mistake. They believe everything the Devil has whispered in their ears.

My friends... Romans 14 is all about food and fasting. It has nothing and I repeat nothing to do with freeing us from our Fathers wicked, mistake ridden Law. Romans 14 is about food and fasting and nothing else. Once again all we have to do is to read the whole chapter to understand the context. What does verse 2 say:

*Rom 14:2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.*

In verses 1 through 6 how many times do we see the word “eats”? Six times... my friends. Six times we see the word “eats”... why... because the whole chapter is about one who chooses to fast and one who chooses not to fast. It's all about food and fasting. Lets read all of Romans 14 so that we can better understand what Paul is trying to tell us.. Romans 14: 1-3:

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Once again this is all about eating and food and fasting... lets continue with Romans 14:4-6:

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Once again he's talking about one who chooses to fast and one who chooses not to fast. None of Romans chapter 14 has anything to do with abolishing our Fathers Law. Lets continue with Romans 14:7-14:

*Rom 14:7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.*

*Rom 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

*Rom 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.*

*Rom 14:10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;*

*Rom 14:11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."*

*Rom 14:12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

*Rom 14:13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.*

*Rom 14:14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.*

Now... is Paul saying that all food is clean here? No... of course not... we already know from Acts chapter 21 verse 24 that Paul always lived in observance of the law... so what's he talking about here in verse 14? He's talking about animals that have been sacrificed to other gods. We are allowed to eat animals that have been sacrificed to other gods because we know that there are no such things as other gods above and beyond our Father in Heaven... but... if a brother does not believe he can eat an animal sacrificed to other gods... then we should not eat that animal in front of him because this may weaken his faith... therefore if he believes that eating animals sacrificed to other gods is a sin... we should not put a stumbling block in front of our brother by eating what he believes is sin. And this is what Paul is talking about... Paul is clearly

not saying that unclean food is now clean... and we must remember that things like pig, or shell fish, or shrimp is not considered food according to the Bible. So pig, or shell fish, or shrimp can never be called unclean food... because it is not food. Unclean food would be like a cow that has been torn apart by another beast in the field. That would be unclean food. Or an lamb that has been strangled to death. That is considered unclean food because it was killed with it's blood still in it. A cow, or a lamb can be ritually unclean if not killed and prepared properly... but we can not call a pig or crab unclean food because it is not considered food according to the scripture. That would be like calling a table unclean food. A table is not considered food any more than a pig or a crab. So it's important to get these things straight and to understand what Paul already knows. Lets continue with Romans 14:15-20:

*Rom 14:15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.*

*Rom 14:16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.*

*Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

*Rom 14:18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

*Rom 14:19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.*

*Rom 14:20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.*

Once again it's important to understand that when Paul says "Everything is indeed clean" he's not talking about Pigs, and shell fish... he's talking about things that are designated as food. Only things that our Father in Heaven says is food is food and Paul is completely aware of that and he knows that the church at Rome is completely aware of that as well... but most modern day Christians are not aware of that because they've been conveniently programmed not to read the first half of the book... which is where our Father tells us what food is and what food is not. Lets continue with Romans 14:21:

*Rom 14:21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.*

So once again... we already know that it's okay to eat meat and to drink wine... even our Messiah drank wine... but if our brother see's it as a sin... then we shouldn't do it in front of him. It's just like say for instance... lets say you had someone who is an alcoholic over for dinner. Would you serve someone who is an alcoholic wine? Of course not... because you know that he can't handle it... and that wine is going to cause him to sin... so you serve tea or juice instead. This is what Paul is trying to convey. Lets continue with Romans 14:22-23:

*Rom 14:22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.*

*Rom 14:23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from*

*faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.*

In other words... if you feel in your heart that something is sin... then don't do it. If you're being convicted not to do something... don't do it.

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*You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.* What kind of people are we supposed to not let lead us astray?... LAWLESS PEOPLE!

So lets move onto James 14-26:

*Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

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So do we really need to guess whether or not works are part of faith? Those who are running around proclaiming that they don't have to do any works because Jesus did it all for them at the cross are going to be those same people who our Messiah says he does not know in Matthew chapter 7 verses 21 through 23. They're going to stand in front of him and proclaim how great they were and how they cast out demons in his name and did all kinds of miricals in his name and he's going to tell them... "I never knew you... and you never knew me"... why... because they did not do the will of his Father in Heaven.