

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ARBROATH WEEKEND  
**"ABRAHAM'S FAITH SHOWN IN WORKS"**

**Introduction**

This epistle addresses differences in practices relevant to shallow professions of faith.

Many parts overlap with Sermon on the Mount.

**1. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROFESSION AND REALITY**

(v.14-17)

Profession – If a man say...(14) Professes saving faith, but only has a dead faith that acknowledges the truth to be true and no more.

**2. SAVING FAITH IS MORE THAN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TRUTH IS TRUE** ( V.18-19)

Acts 16:16-17

John 2:21-25

Acts 8: 13, 20-22

Matthew 13:20-21

**3. ONLY IF OUR FAITH SHOWS IN WORKS ARE WE JUSTIFIED IN REGARDING OURSELVES AS TRUE BELIEVERS**

(v.20-24)

1) Apparent Contradiction

God has not given us a problem-free Bible, though an infallibly true one. (2 Peter 3:16).

2) Sense of the use of justification here

Grounds on which man concludes a sinner is a true believer. (Hebrews 12:14).

**ADDITIONAL POINTS**

- (i) Romans 8:1-4: Christ's purchase of the blessing of sanctification
- (ii) Romans 4:11: Other aspects – the meaning of Jeremiah 4:4