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“Everyone sins a
little, but most
people are good by
nature.”

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

Genesis 3:8-9 · NASB 1995

10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

**13 Then the Lord God said to the woman,
“What is this you have done?” And the
woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and
I ate.”**

14 **The Lord God** said to **the serpent**,
“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;

Genesis 3:14 · NASB 1995

15 And I will put **enmity**
Between **you** and the **woman**,
And between **your seed** and **her seed**;
He shall bruise you on the **head**,
And you shall bruise **him** on the **heel**.”

**16 To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you will bring forth children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you.”**

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.

Genesis 3:17 · NASB 1995

**18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow
for you;
And you will eat the plants of the field;**

**19 By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”**

Genesis 3:19 · NASB 1995

**9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; 10 as it is written,
“There is none righteous, not even one;**

11 There is **none** who understands,
There is **none** who seeks for God;
12 **All** have turned aside, together they have
become useless;
There is **none** who does good,
There is **not even one.**”

**13 “Their throat is an open grave,
With their tongues they keep deceiving,”
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;
14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness”;**

15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood,

16 Destruction and misery are in their

paths,

17 And the path of peace they have not

known.”

18 “There is no fear of God before their

eyes.”

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The heart is more **deceitful than all else
And is desperately **sick**; Who can
understand it?**

And you were **dead in your trespasses and sins**, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all **formerly lived** in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature **children of wrath**, even as the rest.

Federal Headship

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

Romans 5:16 · NASB 1995

**17 For if by the transgression of the one,
death reigned through the one, much more
those who receive the abundance of grace
and of the gift of righteousness will reign in
life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

**18 So then as through one transgression
there resulted condemnation to all men,
even so through one act of righteousness
there resulted justification of life to all men.**

**19 For as through the one man's
disobedience the many were made sinners,
even so through the obedience of the One
the many will be made righteous.**

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How can a man
be made right
before God?

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**,
we have **peace with God** through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have
obtained our introduction by faith into this
grace in which we stand; and we exult in
hope of the glory of God.

8 For **by grace** you have been **saved**
through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it
is the **gift** of God; 9 not as a result of **works**,
so that no one may boast.

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Imputation:

A legal term that means to credit/count something to someone's account.

4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “**This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.**” 5 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and **count the stars**, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:4-5 · NASB 1995

6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now to the one who works, his **wage** is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5

But to the one who **does not work**, but **believes** in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **credited as righteousness**,

**23 Now not for his sake only was it written
that it was credited to him, 24 but for our
sake also, to whom it will be credited, as
those who believe in Him who raised Jesus
our Lord from the dead,**

He made **Him** who knew **no sin** to **be sin** on
our behalf, so that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him.

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Are you sure it's
faith alone?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

**What then shall we say that Abraham, our
forefather according to the flesh, has
found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by
works, he has something to boast about, but
not before God.**

3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

**14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says
he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith
save him?**

**20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will
be justified in His sight; for through the Law
comes the knowledge of sin.**

IN SUMMARY:

JAMES is speaking about “justification” in the context of proving a believer’s faith is authentic in the eyes of **other men**...

PAUL is speaking about “justification” in the context of proving one’s right legal standing **before God**...

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28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty.” 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.

John 19:28-29 · NASB 1995

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—
having also believed, you were sealed in Him
with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given
as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the
redemption of God's own possession, to the
praise of His glory.**

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to
them, and they will never perish; and no one
will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father,
who has given them to Me, is greater than all;
and no one is able to snatch them out of the
Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.**

**38 For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any
other created thing, will be able to separate
us from the love of God, which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:38-39 · NASB 1995

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9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

Romans 5:9-11 · NASB 1995

**12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches
for all who call on Him; 13 for “Whoever will call on
the name of the Lord will be saved.”**