"Abraham, The Friend of God"James 2:21-24.

1-First called:

1-Abram -- - Father of height, or high father.

2-Afterwards called:

1-Abraham -- The father of many nations according

Genesis 17:5;

Neither shall thy name anymore be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

3-The journeys of Abraham:

1-Migrated from Ur of the Chaldees. to go into the land of Canaan;

2-Stopped in Haran where his father Terah died.

3-Abraham moved from Haran to Canaan, to Egypt and back to Canaan, where he settled amind the Oak-groves of Mamre.

4-According to Genesis 25:7-8;

Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people at the age of 175 years. Abraham was buried in the cave of Machpelah which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth.

4-So, Abraham the friend of God:

1-Abraham was justified by works--James 2:21; and not by "faith only."

2-Contrast Paul and James; Romans 5:1; Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

3-Luther, and all others who teach salvation by "faith only" held that James was wrong and

Paul was right. when he said

1-Paul had in the preceding chapter taught that 1-That men are counted righteous before God,

not through obedience to the law, but through faith in Christ.

2-The faith that justifies is a faith in C. 3-It is a faith of the heart. Romans 10:10.

4-It is a faith that brings the whole life into obedience. Rom. 1-5. Rywhom we have received from an apostuskin, for obedience to to the faith among all rotion for his name.

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4-Paul, indeed, shows that faith alone is worthless: 1-Cor.13:2.

5-Paul emphasizes works as the demonstration of faith--Hebrews 11.

6-Paul shows that works without faith will not justify, and hence lays the emphasis on faith.

7-When James said, "Abraham was justified by works" he taught.

1-That faith without works will not justify, and lays the emphasis on works.

5-Neither teaches that either faith alone, or works alone will justify.

1-The two writers are in agreement, and all seeming disagreement is due to the fact that they are seeking to correct different errors, and hence look at the matter from different points of view.

6-The argument of James concerning Abraham who was justified by works.

1-That faith is of no avail unless accompanied by works.

2-That Abraham's was a faith which showed itself in works----Of this all Abraham's life was a demonstration....

7-Abraham was called the friend of God because:
1-He was told when in Mesopotamia to go forth
into the land that God would show him, and

he went forth not knowing whither. Heb. 11:8. 2-By faith he sojourned in the land of Promise. Heb. 11:9

3-Each of these acts offaith secured Divine approval, but the supremest trial was when he offered Isaac. Genesis 22;1-14..Heb.11:17

4-Abraham's faith was a working faith---Without works it is an imperfect faith, "adead faith."

8-James: 2:22:

See how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect.

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