

The background of the slide is a photograph of a waterfall. The water is white and frothy as it falls down a dark, mossy rock face. The surrounding area is filled with vibrant green foliage, including ferns and other plants, creating a dense and natural setting. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the water and the rocks.

Theme of this letter is found in verse 3 the testing or proving of your faith. There are 6 essential testing or proving of your faith.

- 1) Testing by the response to the Word of God – 1:19-27
- 2) Testing by how it responds to Social distinctions – 2:1-13
- 3) Testing by producing good works – 2:14-26
- 4) Testing by developing self control – 3:1-18
- 5) Testing by our relationship with the world and worldliness – 4:1-5:12
- 6) Testing by how you pray in all circumstances – 5:13-18

Differences between Paul and James:

For **Paul** the Justification he spoke about was being justified before God.

For **James** the justification he speaks about is being justified before men.

Paul's teaching about faith and works focuses on a person before conversion. What do you have to do to be saved or justified before God. (Rom.5:1,8-11)

James focuses on the person after conversion. What you should be doing now that you are saved. Where is the fruit to show others your faith is genuine.(James 2:14-26, John 13:33-35,1John 3:10-18)

Paul was fighting against a tradition which promoted a false works for salvation. Paul is saying works cannot save us

James is fighting against a dead faith that minimized the necessity of works after coming to Christ. James is saying if you are saved works are imperative.

A photograph of a waterfall cascading down a mossy rock face in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by lush green moss and foliage. The background is dark and dense with trees.

Is it ever permissible to lie?

There seems to be a hierarchy of values in the bible and when a higher value conflicts with a lower value, you do the higher value. If that lie or deception protects a higher value of life from being harmed or killed or if that lie or deception keeps a greater sin from happening. The Hebrew midwives and Rahab clearly teach this point.