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- *The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches says that justification is “solely through faith in Christ” (p. 62).*
- *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church says that faith is “the alone instrument of justification” (p. 60).*

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- *The Discipline of the Methodist Church states, “Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort” (p. 32).*

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- *“Solely”*: *“not involving anyone or anything else; to the exclusion of all else.”*
- *“Alone”*: *“exclusive of anyone or anything else.”*
- *“Only”*: *“alone in its class or kind; single or solitary.”*

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- *Our only appeal in answer to this question:*
 - *Romans 4:3.*
 - *2 Timothy 3:16.*
- *The following are ten scriptural reasons why we are NOT justified by faith only.*

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- *It Is Like Saying Peace Only To The Destitute (James 2:14-17)!*
 - *The question is structured so as to expect a negative answer.*
 - *Faith proves itself in the works it produces.*

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- *Even The Devils Believe And Tremble (James 2:19)!*
 - *If a man is justified by faith only, then the devils are justified.*
 - *However, Jesus cast out devils (Matthew 8:28-32; Luke 4:32-35)!*

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- *Abraham Was Not Justified By Faith Only (James 2:21-23)!*
 - *One word destroys the faith only proposition: “offerred”.*
 - *Abraham was saved because his “faith wrought with his works”!*

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- *It Plainly Contradicts The Bible (James 2:24)!*
 - *To affirm justification by faith only is to deny what the scriptures teach.*
 - *It is sinful to “preach another gospel” (Galatians 1:6-9).*

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- *Rahab Was Not Justified By Faith Only (James 2:25)!*
 - *One word destroys the faith only proposition: “received”.*
 - *Rahab was saved “because she hid the messengers” (Joshua 6:25)!*

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- ***The Body Without The Spirit Is Dead (James 2:26)!***
 - ***The argument of vss. 18-25 ends with this illustration.***
 - ***Faith and works are conclusively shown to be inseparable!***

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- *There Are Items Other Than Faith Which Justify (Romans 5:1)!*
 - *God and Christ (Romans 8:33; Isaiah 53:11).*
 - *Grace (Titus 3:7).*
 - *Blood (Romans 5:9).*
 - *Works (James 2:24).*

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- *If We Are Justified Without Works, We Are Justified Without Faith!*
 - *Why? Because Jesus said that faith is a work (John 6:29).*

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- *If We Are Justified By Faith Only, Every One Will Be Justified!*
 - *Why? Because at the judgment all will believe (Romans 14:11).*

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- *If We Are Justified By Faith Only, We Will Be Judged Unnecessarily!*
 - *Why? Because we will be judged according to our works (Revelation 20:12-13).*

What About “Saving Faith”?

“Trusting in a false ‘faith and works’ gospel or ‘faith plus works’ gospel denies the work Jesus did to save you and renounces Him as the only and true Savior ... If you could be saved by your own works in addition to God’s grace through faith then you would become your own savior and Jesus would be merely your co-savior. What blasphemy!”

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“There is no need to add works to faith to be saved because faith is what produces works. Moreover, your works cannot save you.”

“That kind of faith [in James 2:14, kc], is a dead faith, not a saving faith and hence not real faith. True faith in Christ saves and produces good works.”

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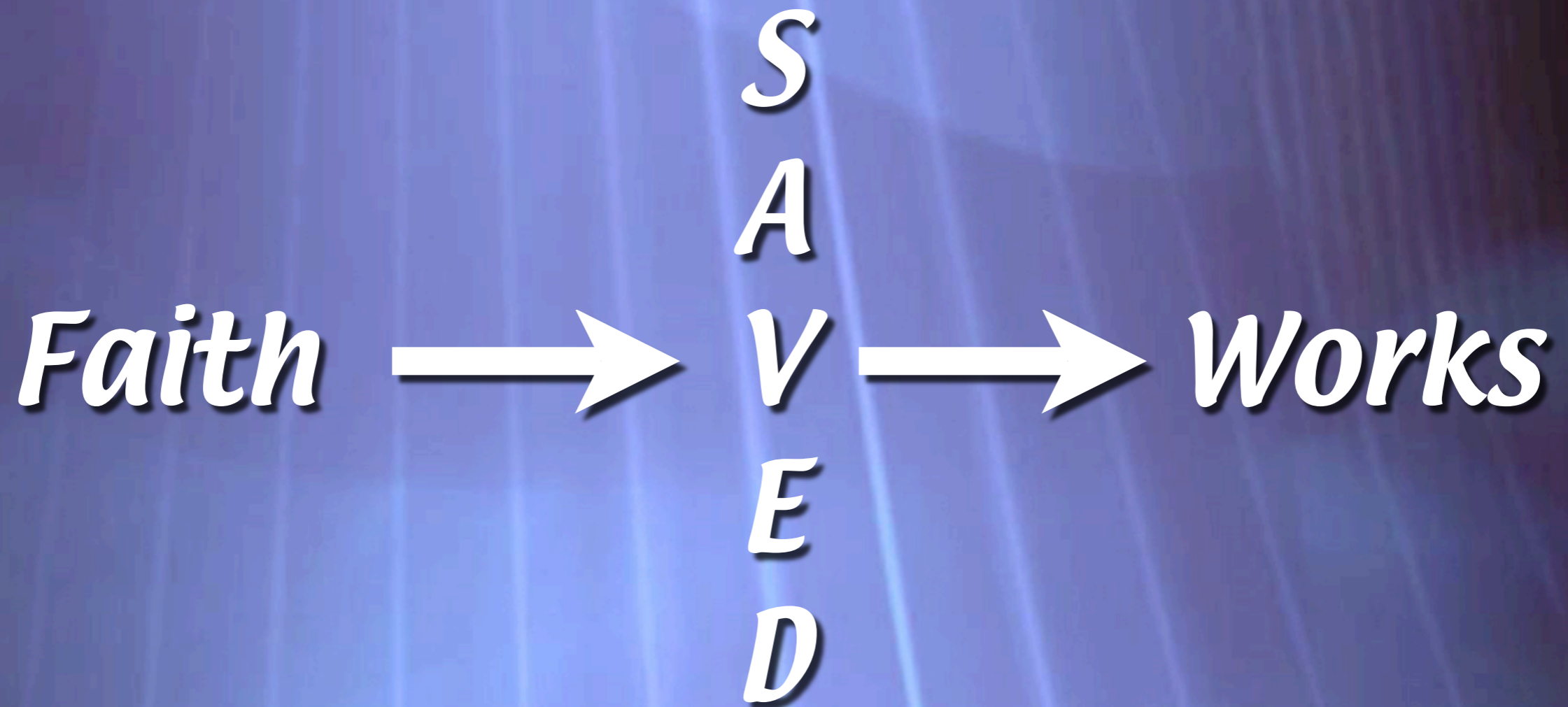
“We see that a man is justified only by faith which demonstrates itself by works. Works cannot save, faith plus works cannot save, but faith which works does save.”

“We cannot be justified by a faith that doesn’t work. But yet, neither can we be justified by faith and works.”

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What About “Saving Faith”?

Denominational View



What About “Saving Faith”?

New Testament View

*Faith
&
Works*



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*Good
Works*

*Believe (John 1:12)
Repent (Acts 17:30)
Confess (Romans 10:10)
Be baptized (Acts 2:38)*

*Ephesians 2:10
1 Timothy 6:18
2 Timothy 3:17
Titus 2:7, 14*

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