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Dear Mr Armstrong

I have read your General Editing and contribution to the book Roman Catholicism, and I enjoyed it very much. I would be very grateful if you could clarify the following points for me, in the following verses:

Romans 1 v 17 (also Romans 3 v 28) and James 2 v 18 specifically and (2 vs 14-26) in general.

My question is:

1. Is there a difference of meaning between Paul and James, Our Lords brother, concerning these verses. *No!! Paul is referring to salvation by "Law" while James refers to "deeds of faith", i.e. as evidence of, proof of, faith.*
 2. Or is it in fact a misunderstanding in interpretation into application, and they (the above scriptures) mean the same thing. *I do not think they are in conflict but they are not referring to the same thing either.*
- I feel that Paul is teaching us that we need only believe to be saved, and that James is agreeing with him, but adds that we must in effect then fulfill the Great Commission in **Matthew 28 v 20** and not sit back, works therefore being works of the Spirit through us. *Yes to this !!*

I would be grateful for your comments, and I wish all Gods love to you.

God Bless

Peter W. Kelly

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Thanks, Peter, for writing to me. I hope my brief comments help a little. I believe you are on the correct track in your thought from what I read above.

John H. Armstrong