

3) If you had to explain (or retell) James 2:13 to a young Christian, what would you say?

4) James 2:14-26 begins explaining another test of faith – one that might be described as the composite test (or the test that pulls the others together). Remind yourself by writing why James is describing these tests in this letter. Who is/are the subject(s) of these tests?

5) Read James 2:14. Now read Ephesians 2:8-9. Are these verses contradictory? Explain your answer?

6) In verses 15 & 16, James gives an example of explaining v. 14 which is summarized in vv. 17 & 18. If you were explaining to a young Christian, how would you restate verses 17 & 18?

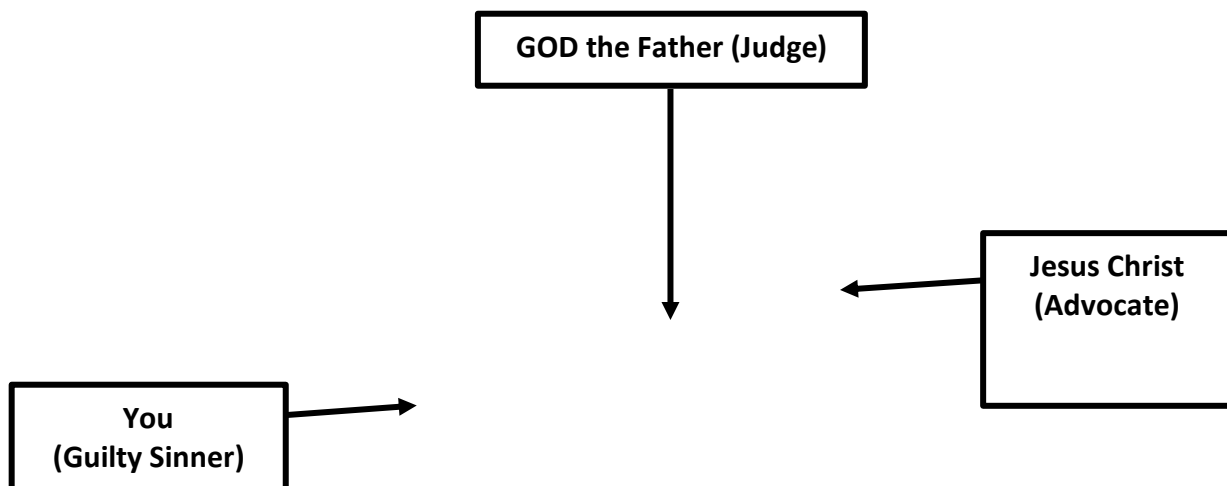
7) Read verses 19 & 20. How does this relate to what James was talking about in the last half of chapter 1 (verse 19 through the end of the chapter)?

8) Before reading the next passage (verses 20-26), let's study these legal terms "justification" and "righteousness." What are the definitions of these terms?

Justification:

Righteousness:

9) See the illustration below. Underneath the picture write an explanation of what spiritual justification is (or how one is justified before God).





10) Now read James 2:20-26. Does James contradict the Biblical definition of justification? Explain your answer.