

simply from studying the context of the way James uses the word. James is using the word faith there of a claim that you believe something, as an idea that you are trusting in Christ which is a false idea, not a true one. You'll find many people today who use the word <sup>faith</sup> in that sense. They say I believe in Christ and then they will continue to sin. They don't believe in Christ at all. They'll say I believe in Christ and they'll go off and sit in a corner <sup>and never do anything to serve Christ.</sup> they don't believe in Christ at all. James says faith alone can never save you. And the reason is because their faith alone, of which James speaks, is not faith at all. It is a (13 1/4) faith. It is what someone would call a partial faith, but there is no such thing as a partial faith. It's not really a faith at all. The faith that Paul speaks of is a faith that works. If you have the faith you are saved, and only the faith saves, the works don't save you, but if you have the faith, you're going to work. If you have the faith your life is going to be cleaned up. If you have the faith you're going to be anxious to serve the Lord. The faith saves you but the faith is a living thing that affects your life. James says you are not saved by faith alone, faith without works is dead, but he means you may think you have faith, but if it isn't working you don't have faith at all. Now there is a case where you ~~seem to~~ have words which seem to contradict each other, but compare it and there is absolutely no contradiction there. So I think that's very important.

Martin Luther was one of the greatest men of God who ever lived. I don't think since the days of the apostle Paul there has been a greater Christian than Martin Luther, or a man whom God has more greatly used. I wish we had time to ~~go~~ take two or three hours right now to tell you what I think of Martin Luther, because I think he's one of the greatest men and one of the finest examples for us we could ever have.