



Study Notes – December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**“Justified by Works: Father Abraham, *friend of God*, Obedient Faith”
James 2:20-24**

1. Illustration of how we are justified by works: *Abraham our father* demonstrated his *faith* in God, *working through love* when he *offered Isaac his son...* (2:21; Ge 22:1-2; He 11:17-19).
2. Purpose of God's gift of faith to us and purpose of our works of faith in Him – God's goal for Abraham in the severe test He gave him reveals God's goal for us in *the testing of our faith* (2:22-23; 1:2-4; Jn 15:14-15)
3. Conclusion (Q.E.D.) – *You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only* (2:24; 1:12,22,25).

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