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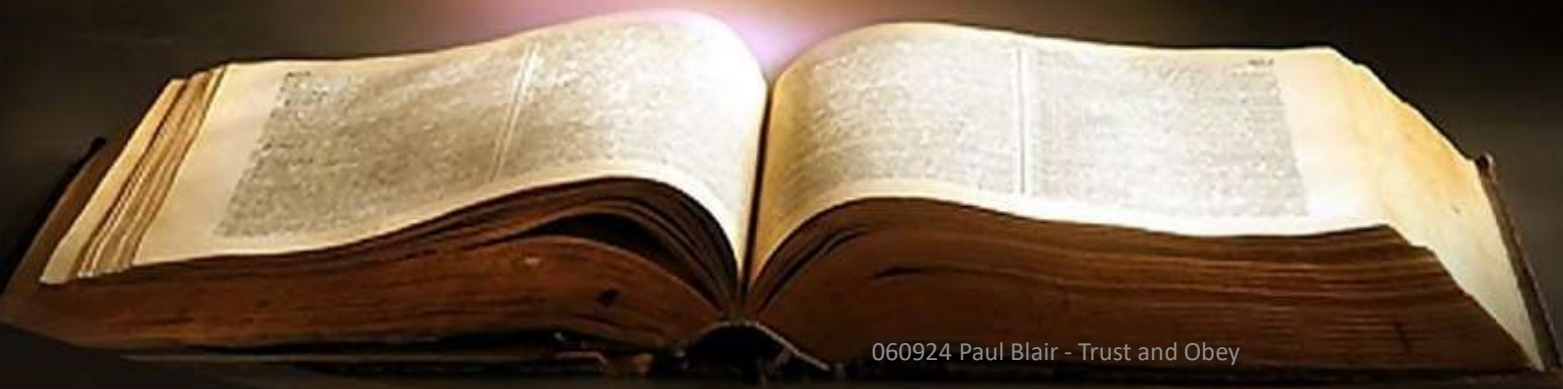
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## **Observation #1:**

**We have accurately defined what the expression “faith” means.**




# WHAT IS FAITH?



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“Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to.”

*“hupostasis” – something tangible, something observable and solid – scientific evidence*

Heb 11:1

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*“elegchos” – legal testimony sufficient for conviction.*



**Observation #2:**

**Faith or trust implies obedience.**

# Deuteronomy 6:4 – Shema

*Hear, O Israel:*

*The Lord our God is one Lord:*

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OT:8085 שָׁמַע **shama`** (shaw-mah'); a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.):

**KJV** - <sup>x</sup> attentively, call (gather) together, <sup>x</sup> carefully, <sup>x</sup> certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, <sup>x</sup> diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), <sup>x</sup> indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, <sup>x</sup> surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

OT:8086 שָׁמַע **shema`** (Aramaic) (shem-ah'); corresponding to OT:8085:

**KJV** - hear, obey.

OT:8087 שָׁמַע **Shema`** (sheh'-mah); for the same as OT:8088; Shema, the name of a place in Palestine and of four Israelites:

**KJV** - Shema.

OT:8088 שָׁמַע **shema`** (shay'-mah); from OT:8085; something heard, i.e. a sound, rumor, announcement; abstractly audience.

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## Martin Luther



Many sweat to reconcile St Paul and St James, but in vain.

'Faith justifies' and 'faith does not justify' contradict each other flatly.

If any one can harmonise them I will give him my doctor's hood and let him call me a fool.



## Paul

Eph 2:8-10

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.***



## James

James 2:17-18

**17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

**18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and **I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

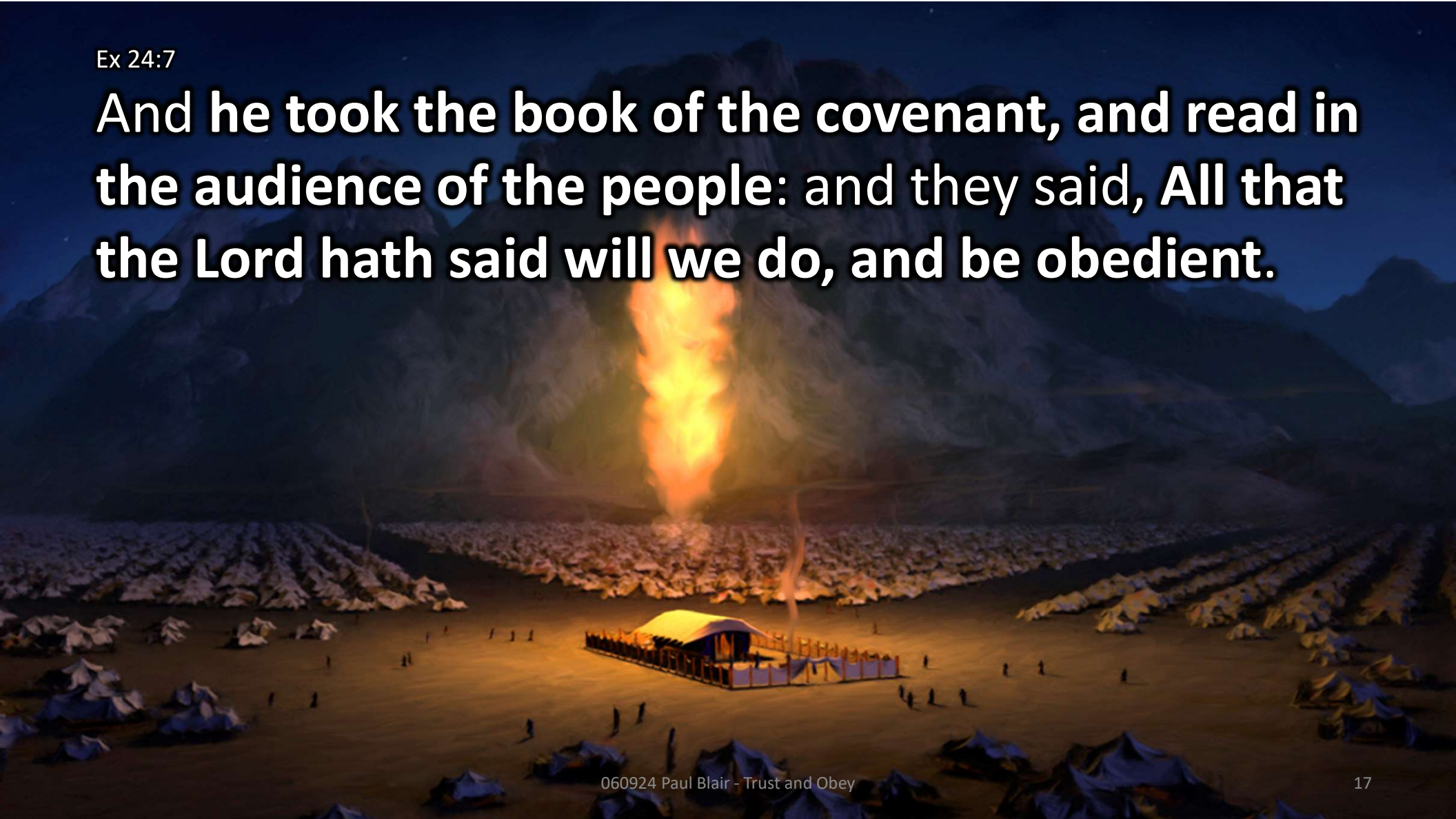


He that  
hath an ear,  
let him hear.



Ex 24:7

**And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.**



Deut 11:13-15: (ESV)

**And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,** he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full.







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**Ps 81:8-13 (NLT)**

**8 Listen to me, O my people, while I give you stern warnings. O Israel, if you would only listen to me!**

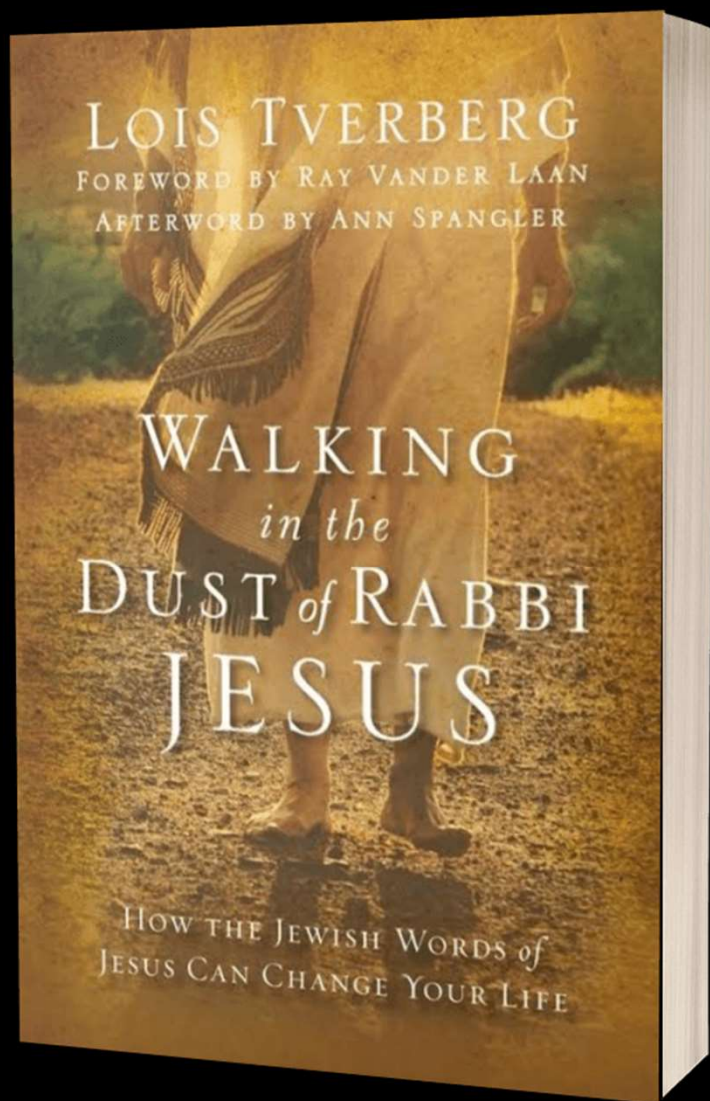
**9 You must never have a foreign god; you must not bow down before a false god.**

**10 For it was I, the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with good things.**

**11 But no, my people wouldn't listen. Israel did not want me around.**

**12 So I let them follow their own stubborn desires, living according to their own ideas.**

**13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths!**



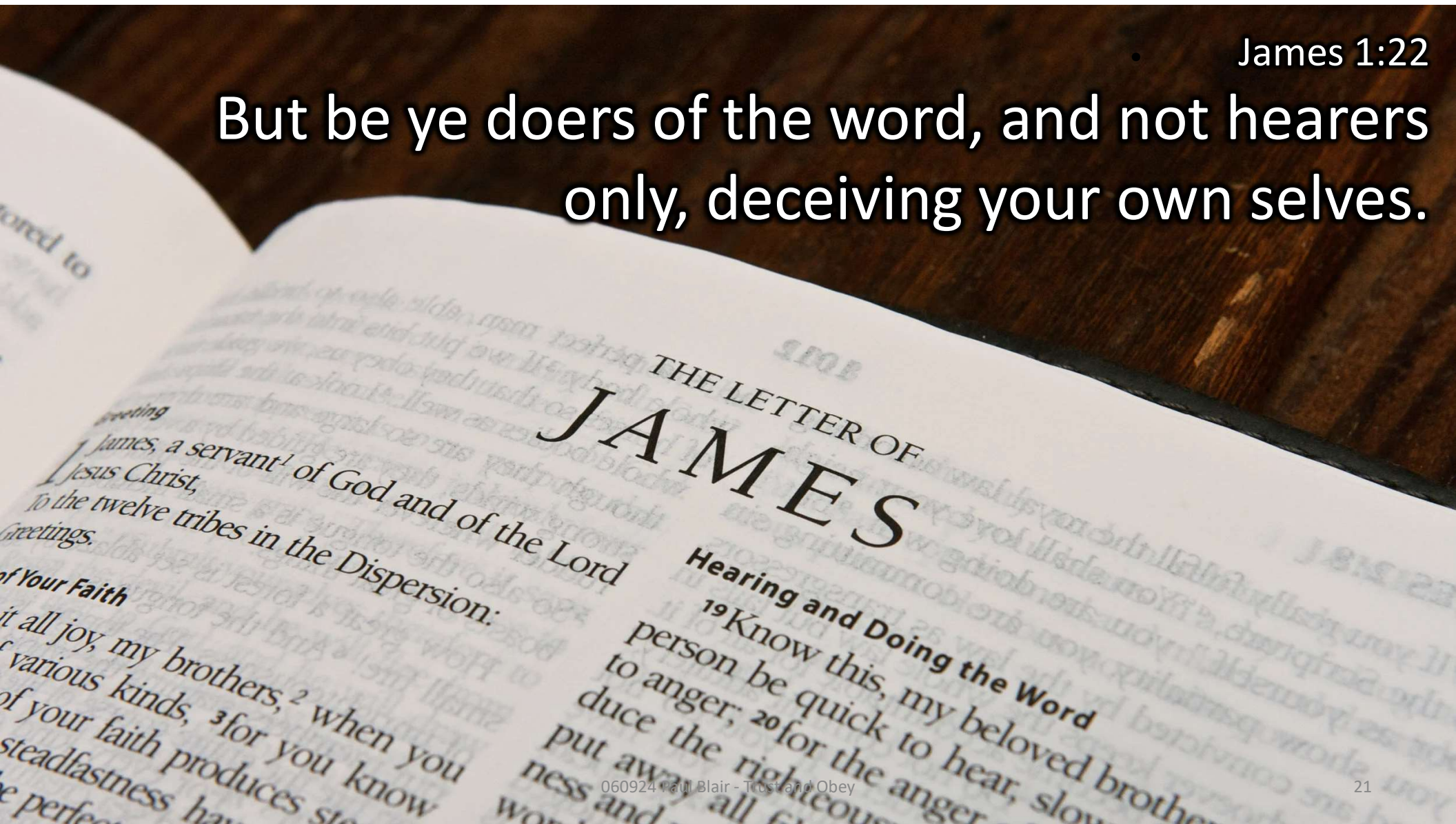
*“Hebrew verbs always stress action and effect rather than just mental activity.”*

Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus, Lois Tverberg



James 1:22

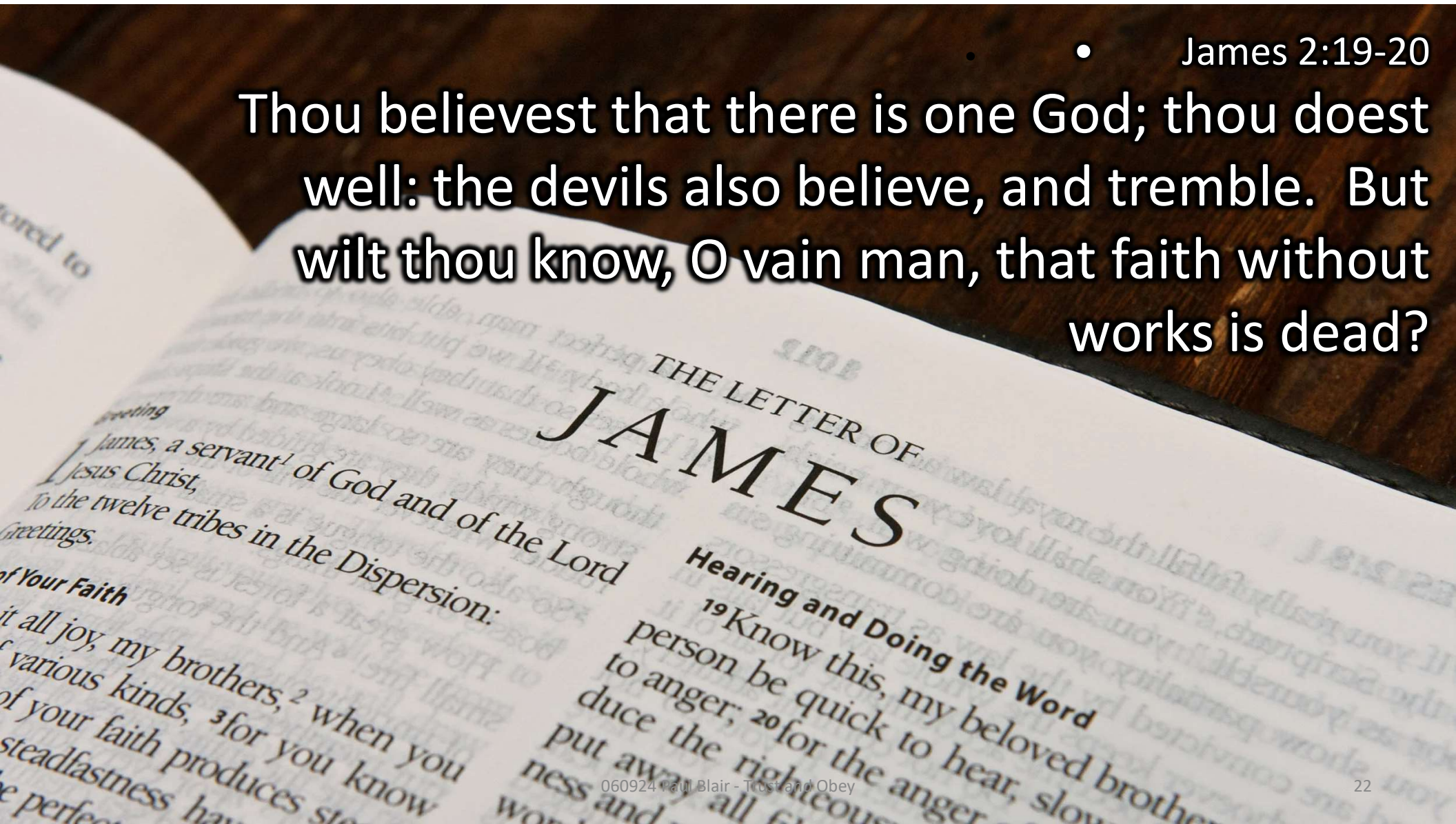
But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.





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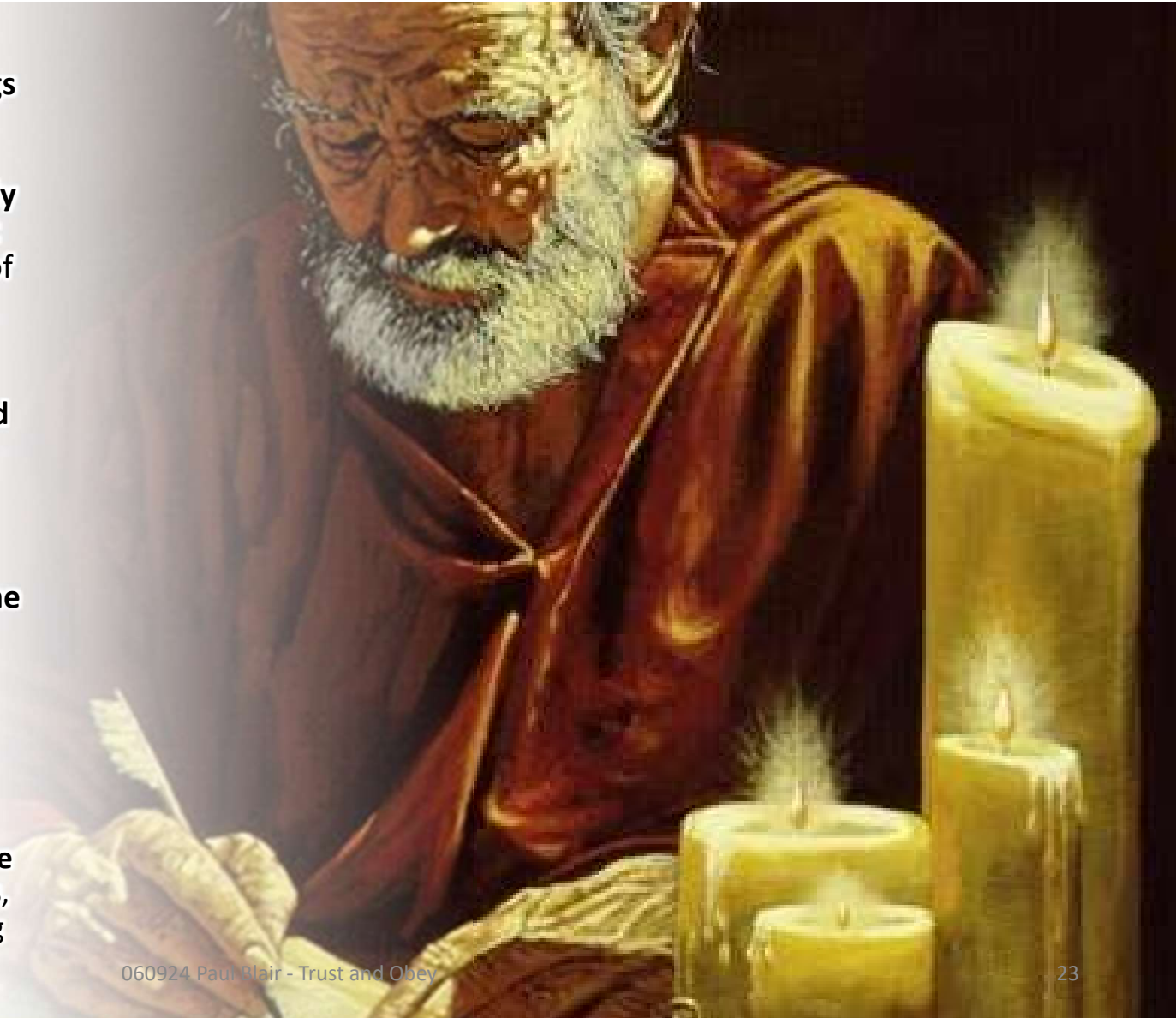


Heb 10:1-13

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect...For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins...Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.**

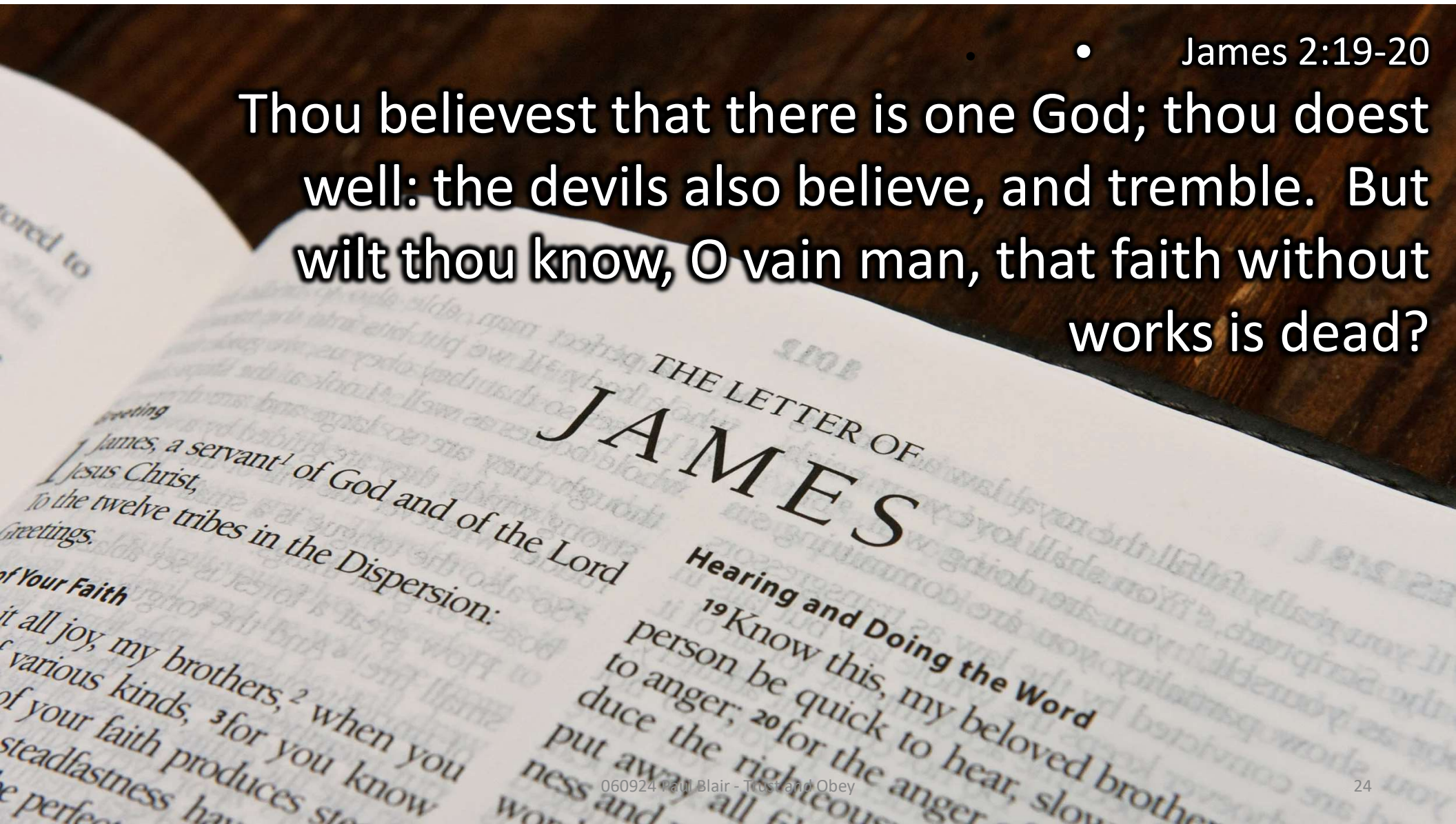
Titus 3:5

**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**



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**Eph 4:31-32**

Let all **bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.


**James 1:26**

If any man among you seem to be religious, and **bridleth not his tongue**, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

**Gal 5:19-21**

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; **Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings**, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**





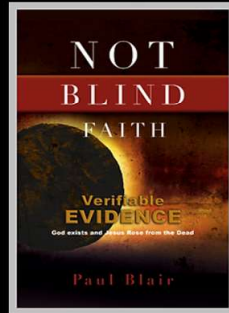
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# Affiliation of Churches

## Remnant Alliance Churches

RAC exists to inspire, equip, and establish pastors and churches in every community which are committed to the cultural mandate of bringing Kingdom influence to every part of human life.

Who we are:

1. An alliance of churches that exists to encourage, equip, and empower local churches to pursue four strategic priorities:
  - a. **Biblical Faith**-RA churches will all hold to the inerrancy and sufficiency of the canonized scripture and use it as the sole source of their doctrine and practice. They will be committed to preaching the word and inculcating a biblical worldview into the people who attend their churches. We recognize Christians who share this commitment to scripture still have differences of interpretation and doctrine. So, the further basis of the alliance will not be absolute agreement on all doctrinal issues. In essentials we must have unity, in non-essentials we will have liberty, in all things we will show charity. This document contains the doctrines all RA churches must affirm to affiliate in our "Core Doctrines"
  - b. **Cultural Mandate**-RA Churches will intentionally pursue the cultural mandate of the church through intentional, practical, implementation of: Leadership Training of Pastors, Civic engagement training of members, Christian worldview educational opportunities for families of their church and community,
  - c. **Close Fellowship**. Remnant Alliance Churches will create and nourish the strong fellowship pastors/leaders need through shared mission, vision, accountability, regular fellowship, and affection between the leaders of the affiliated church leaders. Remnant Alliance pastors are going to take risks, they are going to be attacked, they will be isolated. We can provide opportunities for them to come together and be encouraged, inspired, and further equipped. The Remnant Alliance can also provide credentialing and legal cover for churches.
  - d. **Church Centered Ministry and Theological Training**. The Remnant Alliance will seek to establish an innovative, creative, new model for equipping and mentoring pastors/leaders for the local

church by training them in the local church. This approach will remove the limitations and weaknesses that govern the modern, seminary, approach. Pastors who take part in RA training will encounter a core curriculum that provides theological depth, cultural awareness, apologetic acumen, and practical skills for effective leadership of a local church. RA will not teach classes or offer courses which are not germane to those goals. Our training isn't designed to gain the approval of any accrediting agency, but to prepare called leaders to establish and lead Kingdom minded churches in a pagan society.

## Remnant Alliance Distinctives

Churches and pastors in the Remnant Alliance are:

- **Theologically Conservative**-That is they hold to the inerrancy of Scripture as contained in the canonized Bible. They believe in both the inspiration and sufficiency of Scripture. They also affirm the historicity of scripture. They will affirm the canonized scripture as the rule of faith and practice above any other source in the churches they lead
- **Gospel Centered**-They believe in salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.
- **Gospel Driven**-they feel compelled to be witnesses of the gospel and to teach and baptize in the name of Jesus. They are both upward and outward focused.
- **Kingdom Churches**-They pray and work to see the Kingdom of God come on earth as it is in heaven. They see the local church as a Kingdom embassy with the responsibility to bring the influence of the Kingdom of God into every sphere of the culture in their community. This is the churches "Cultural Mandate"
- **Organic**-The Remnant Alliance approach is decentralized, adaptable to every local congregation, and reproducible in every local congregation.
- **Intentionally, Relationally, and Regionally Connected**-that is, made up of churches and pastors with theological, missional, and geographical affinity who like doing ministry together and pursue this fellowship.

## Remnant Alliance Core Doctrines

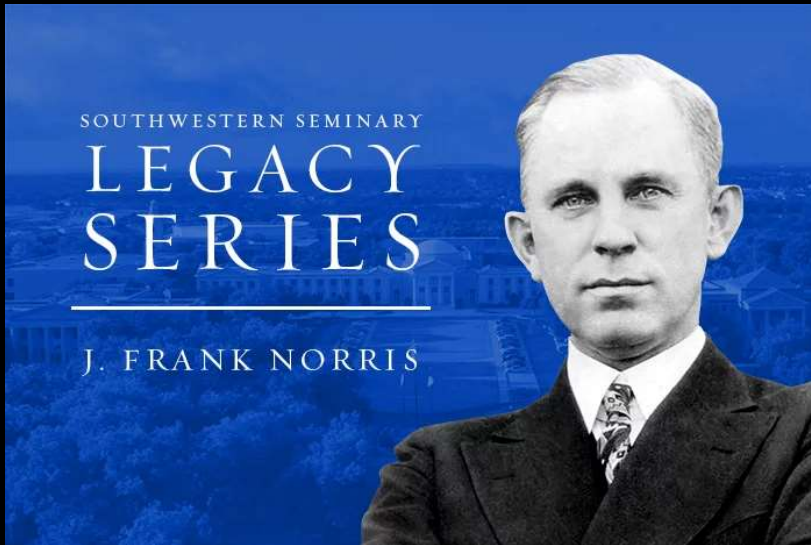
**1. About God:** God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God (**Genesis 1:26-27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14**)

**2. About Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is God Incarnate and co-equal to the Father. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and offered Himself on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people. On the third day after He was crucified, Jesus arose bodily from the grave to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven, where He sits at the Father's right hand ministering on behalf of and interceding for His people. He will return someday to reign with us in eternity as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (**Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-14; John 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4**)

**3. About the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is co-equal with The Father and The Son. He is the presence of God in the world. He works to make men aware of their sin and need for salvation. He indwells every believer - empowering them to fully comprehend truth, enabling them to live Christ-like lives, and guiding them in choosing and doing what is right. He also gifts each believer uniquely for works of ministry. Christians must seek to submit their lives to His control on a daily basis. (**2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12,3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 6-8**)

**4. About the Bible:** The Bible is God's written word to us. It was written by human authors, but under the superintendence of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source and final authority for believers in all matters of belief and living. Because it is inspired by God, we believe it contains truth in these matters without any error. (**2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalms 119:105; Proverbs 30:5**)

**5. About Human Beings:** We believe humans are unique in God's creation. People alone in the created world are said to have been made in the image of God. We were created to be in fellowship with God, to enjoy Him, and to be



**Dr. John Franklyn Norris**  
“J. Frank Norris”  
(1877–1952)

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- He led in establishing Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.
- He was a political activist leading the fight against gambling, led in the prohibition of alcohol and also fought against the teaching of evolution and was an active leader in fighting communism.
- Pastor Norris influence caused President Truman to recognize the newly formed State of Israel when David ben Gurion declared independence, America recognized them as a sovereign state in 11 minutes.
- After pastoring **First Baptist Fort Worth** for 16 years, in 1935, Norris accepted the pastorate of a second church, **Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.**
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