

JAMES 2:14-26

James 2:14-26 may be the most misinterpreted discussion in James. So, let's remember the total context: Written by James the brother of Jesus, the disciple to the Jews; Written to the Jews whose beliefs were embedded in the Law of Moses. Again, we must remember the Jew of the time was obsessed by the law, that is, the Law of Moses. They, to a fault, worshiped the Law of Moses. So, James uses the word "law" as a tool. We must read carefully because James speaks of two laws, the Mosaic Law and the *perfect law of Grace*. In a clever play on Jewish beliefs and prejudice, James introduces the new covenant of the law of Grace to supersede the Law of Moses.