

Sermon Scripture Passage: James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 18

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Scripture References:

Romans 2:9-11 – There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.

Ephesians 6:9 – Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Acts 10:34-35 – So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Galatians 3:27-28 –27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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James: Looking into the Mirror #2 – James 2:1-13 + I Corinthians 12 – Partiality

Key Word: Greek compound word: Prosopolempsia – Receiving one based on their _____

Four Verses declare: God shows no partiality or in the KJV, God is no _____ of persons

Romans 2:11 –

Ephesians 6:9 –

Colossians 3:25 –

Acts 10:34 –

James 2:1-13 Christ-followers are told: Do not show partiality!

2:1 This is given as a clear _____ to Christians.

2:2-3 James gives a specific _____ in different treatment for a rich vs. poor man.

2:4 To show partiality is to become _____ with evil thoughts

2:5-7 *What reasons does this section give of why partiality is wrong?*

2:8 God made it that we would love _____ and use _____,
instead we tend to love _____ and use _____!

2:9 To show partiality is a sin and we _____ God's law

2:10-13 This may seem like a small thing but it can have a big _____ on a person.

Three Applications:

For a congregation:

For individual believers:

For the church in America in general:

Answers for the blanks:

- Face
- Respector
- Command
- Example
- Judges
- 2:8 God made it that we would love people and use things, instead we tend to love things and use people
- Transgress
- Impact