

A Faith that Works

James 2:1-13



James 2 : 1 - 13

1 My brothers and sisters, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favouritism.

2 For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and is dressed in bright clothes, and a poor man in dirty clothes also comes in,

3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the bright clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,”

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4 Have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: did God not choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonoured the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

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7 Do they not blaspheme the good name by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing well.

9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the Law as violators. 10 For whoever keeps the whole Law, yet stumbles in one point, has become guilty of all.

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11 For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now, if you do not commit adultery, but do murder, you have become a violator of the Law.

12 So speak, and so act, as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom.

13 For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2 : 1

“Show no Favouritism or Partiality...”

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory

**Faith Doesn't
Play Favourites**

The Lord of Glory

Jesus is:

- Lord of Glory
- King of Kings
- Creator
- Saviour
- **How can we worship the Lord of Glory and also judge by worldly standards?**



The World's Values

- Education
- Intelligence
- Wealth
- Family background
- Success
- Social Standing

We enter by **GRACE** alone

Every Person Matters

Genesis 1:27

Made in the Image of God

Every person has:

- **dignity**
- **value**
- **eternal significance**





The Royal Law

James 2:8.

However, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture,

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing well. Leviticus 19:18

But you shall love your neighbour as yourself; I am the Lord

“Love your neighbour as yourself”

The Royal Law



Matthew 22:37-40

And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets

"Love your neighbour as yourself"

The Challenge

NOT:

What can this person do for me?"

BUT:

How can I serve that person for **Christ.**

Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment

One of the great gospel statements:

James 2:13

Judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”



The Cross



Justice Satisfied

Mercy Extended



Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment

James 2:13

For Judgment *will* be merciless to one who has shown no mercy.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

One of the great gospel statements:

- David
- Peter
- The Prodigal Son

All received mercy



The Cross Levels Us All

- **Rich or Poor**
- **Successful or Struggling**
- **Known or Unknown**

All Stand in Need of Grace

Questions for Reflection

When people encounter us:

Do they see favouritism?

Or grace?

Do they see judgment?

Or mercy?



**MERCY TRIUMPHS
OVER
JUDGMENT**

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**Living Faith
and
Loving People**



