

Faith Shows **NO PARTIALITY**

James 2:1-13

1. You **CANNOT** hold to faith in Jesus **AND** show partiality (Lev 19:15, Deu 1:17, Pro 24:23, Rom 2:10-11)
2. Partiality (**FAVORITISM**) judges with wrong motives what is on the **OUTSIDE** instead of what God values the most, a person's **HEART** (1 Sam 16:7, Act 10:34-35, Jas 1:9-11, 1 Joh 3:17-18)
3. The **POOR** in Spirit receive the kingdom of God because they are **RICH** in **FAITH**, they recognize that they **NEED** a Savior and Lord.(Mat 5:3, 19:16-24, Luk 18:9-14)
4. Partiality is the **ANTITHESIS** of the command to love one another, therefore it is a **SIN**. (Psa 82:2, Mat 7:1-5, Rom 14:4, Jas 4:11)
5. Jesus gave us the **LAW OF LIBERTY**, where **OBEDIENCE** flows from **FREEDOM** in Christ rather than **FEAR** of our justly deserved consequences. (Lev 19:18, Mat 22:34-40, Rom 13:8-10)
6. **LOVE** one another, show each other **MERCY**, and you will be **BLESSED**. (Mat 6:15, 18:21-35, Luk 6:37-38; 7:36-50)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?

2. "We discussed how faith in Jesus is incompatible with showing partiality. Why is this so? How does showing partiality cheapen the faith we hold to?"

3. Take time to think through the process between initial observations, making snap judgements, creating a personal impression, pursuing evil thoughts, and showing partiality toward a brother or sister. Where are the pitfalls (temptations)? Where do you act upon them (sin)? How do you flee from the sin of partiality?

4. What is the difference between the Royal Law and the Law of Liberty? What are the dangers of being too focused on the Royal Law? What are the dangers of ignoring the Law of Liberty?

5. Study Luke 10:25-37 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan). Who is your neighbor? What does showing love to others mean? How can you walk out your faith in showing mercy and love this week? Which neighbor do you need to stop showing partiality toward and instead show the love of Christ?