

James: A Faith That Walks – The Sin of Favoritism (2:1-13)

1. The Review: (vs.1-4)

- A. The _____ – Do you show favoritism towards certain people/groups, or love all people the same?
1. God is totally, absolutely impartial to all people – **Deut10:17**
 2. All lives matter to God! Rev5:9-10; Jn3:16-17
- B. The _____ - True Believers do Not Practice Hate/Favoritism (Ja2:1) ***1Jn4:10-11**
*Partiality towards certain people for any reason is anti-Christ and blasphemes the gospel!
- C. The _____ – 2 men enter the assembly of God’s people
*The gold-fingered man vs. the beggar, one-robed man – how did they treat the poor man?
*Their favoritism was hate... **Ja2:3,4; 1Jn3:15**
*What does God think of the poor? **Ja2:5** *How did Christ accept us? **Rom15:7** _____

2. The Hypocrisy (vs.5-9)

- A. The Inconsistency based on _____
1. God has chosen the poor (vs.5).
*poor – poor financially, status, as in the world’s eyes; down/out; outcasts ***1Cor1:26-31**
*God saves more poor people than rich people: rich in faith; heirs of the kingdom
***Examples:** Nicaragua, Corinthians, Zaccheus; Christ – **1Cor6:9-11; 2Cor8:9; Lk6:20-26**
 2. The rich blaspheme Christ, your Savior (vs.6,7)
*What did Jesus tell the Rich Young Ruler to do? _____
*Notice: the rich dishonor/despise the poor; “oppress you” tyrannize
*Notice: the rich you hold in regard blaspheme the One who loved you, saved you!
- B. The _____ (vs.8,9) – you are acting like the rich when you despise this poor man; any person
1. Do you say you love God and then sin by showing partiality to certain people?
 2. You cannot love God and show partiality; you go directly against God’s will ***Ja2:5**
 3. Consider the Story of the Good Samaritan in Lk10... *****Look at Ja1:26-27!**

3. The Deadly Sin (vs.8-11)

- A. The _____ law in Scripture; Gk. means sovereign, supreme, binding law of the King
1. The 2 Great Commandments: **Deut6:4,5; Lev19:18...Matt22:37-40**
 2. Partiality then is hating a person, thereby, you show hatred to God! ***1Jn4:19-20**
 3. Convicted as a transgressor – continual practice towards a person, or group of people
- B. Breaking the _____ Law of God/law of liberty – **Ja2:10**
1. How many times do you have to murder to be a murderer? Or steal to be a thief? Lie/liar?
 2. All Law hangs on 2 great commands; so break one, you have broken the 2nd; vice/versa
 3. One sin against God breaks the whole law – how does this stack up w/ good deeds over bad?
- C. Favoritism carries the _____ penalty – vs. **11**
1. Notice adultery and murder, both carry death penalty in O.T.; Hate = Murder
 2. James puts favoritism in the same category as these 2 sins
- D. We will be _____ by God’s Law and Word – vs. **12-13**
1. God’s Law has NO grace! If you hate/favoritism, lawbreaker, you will be shown no mercy!
 2. Love/Mercy for all people demonstrates saving faith; God’s mercy has triumphed in our lives!