

James 2:1-13

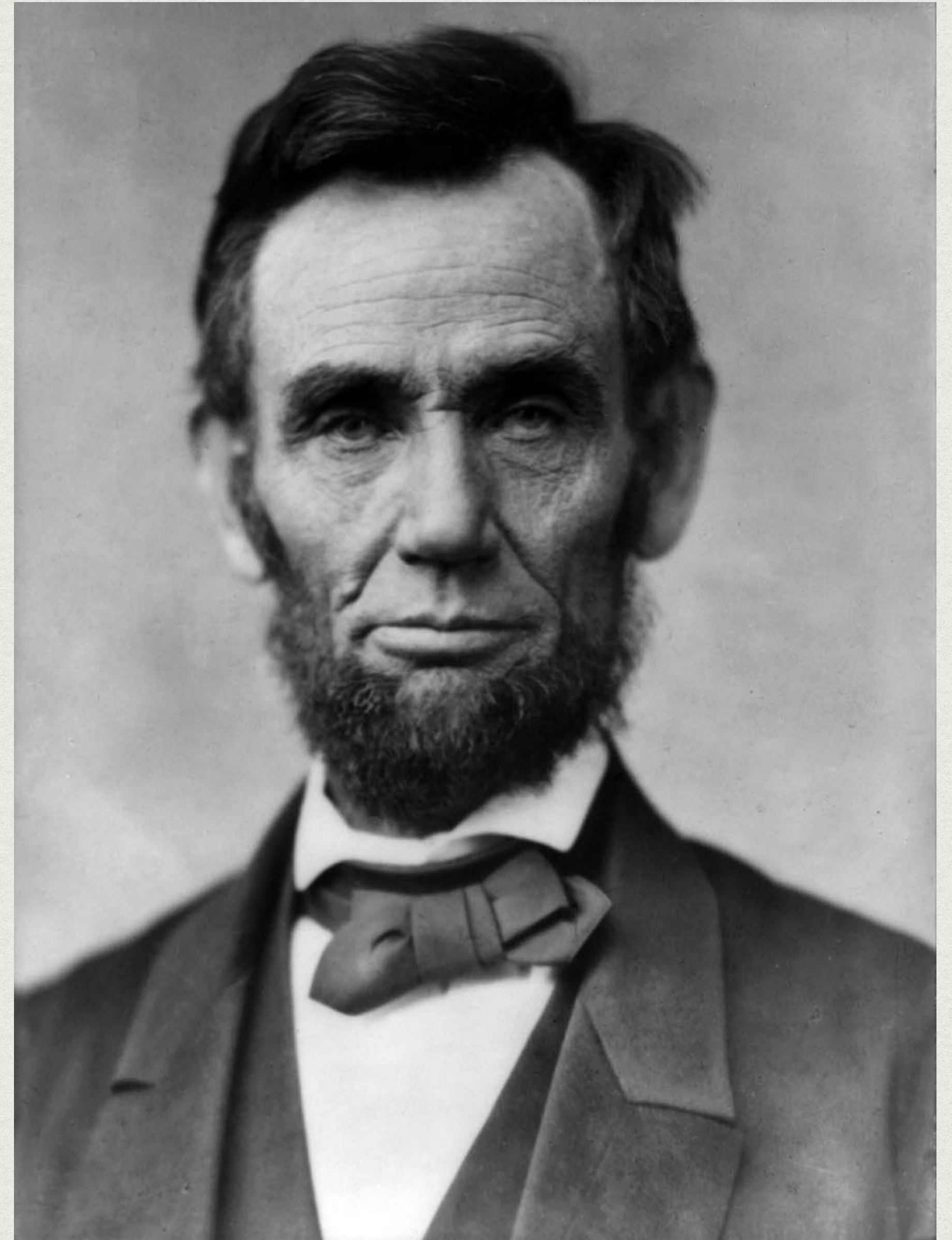
# JAMES

FAITH / WORKS

**“The Problem with Partiality”**



**“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are equal.”**



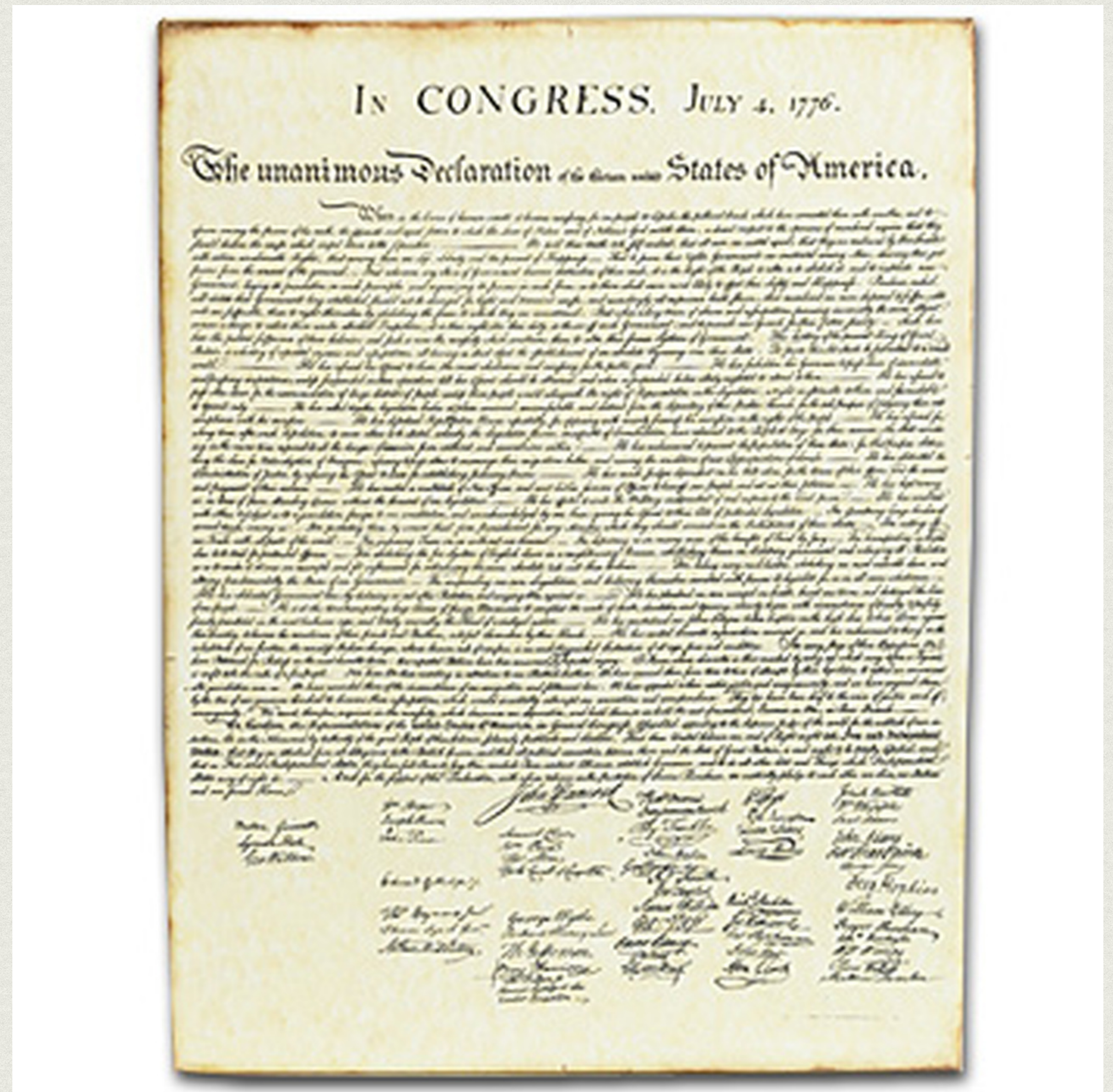


**“I have a dream  
that my four  
children will one  
day live in a nation  
where they will not  
be judged by the  
color of their skin  
but by the content  
of their character.”**





“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”





# Marks of a Mature Christian

- 1. Joyful in Trials. (vs 2-12)**
- 2. Triumphant in Temptation (vs 13-18)**
- 3. Doer of the Word (vs 19-27)**
- 4. Doesn't show Partiality/Favoritism (vs 1-13)**



# 3 Things about the Sin of Snobbery

- 1. The Command to Stop Showing Snobbery (vs1)**
- 2. The Illustration of Snobbery (vs 2-4)**
- 3. The Reasons to Stop Showing Snobbery (vs 5-13)**



# 1. THE COMMAND TO STOP

**1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord of glory*, with partiality.**



# 3 EXAMPLES

1. The poor widow who gave her "mite".
2. The sinful Samaritan Woman
3. Rich Zacchaeus, the tax collector



# APPLICATION FOR US:

**“We need to see others through  
the eyes of Jesus!**

**If the visitor is a Christian, we can accept him because Christ lives in him. If he is not a Christian, we can receive him because Christ died for him.**



# 1. THE ILLUSTRATION OF SNOBBERY (VS 2-3)

**2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"**



# PROVERBS 22:2

**“Rich and poor have this in common; the Lord is the maker of them all.”**



# **3. THE REASONS TO STOP SHOWING SNOBBERY (VS 5-13)**

**James Gives Us Christian's Three Reasons to Stop Showing Snobbery:**

- 1. A "Theological reason" (vs 5)**
- 2. A "Logical reason" (vs 6-7)**
- 3. A "Biblical reason" (vs 8-13)**



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## EPHESIANS 2:8-9

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”**



# 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29

**"26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.**



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# **"ROCK OF AGES"**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**



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