

BREAKING THE
FAVORITISM
BARRIER

James 2:1

“My brethern, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.”

- The early Church was beginning to mirror the world instead of transforming it.

- Prosōpolēmpsia = 'Receiving the Face.'

- To judge someone based on the color of their skin, the cut of their clothes, or the zip code they live in, rather than the content of their heart.

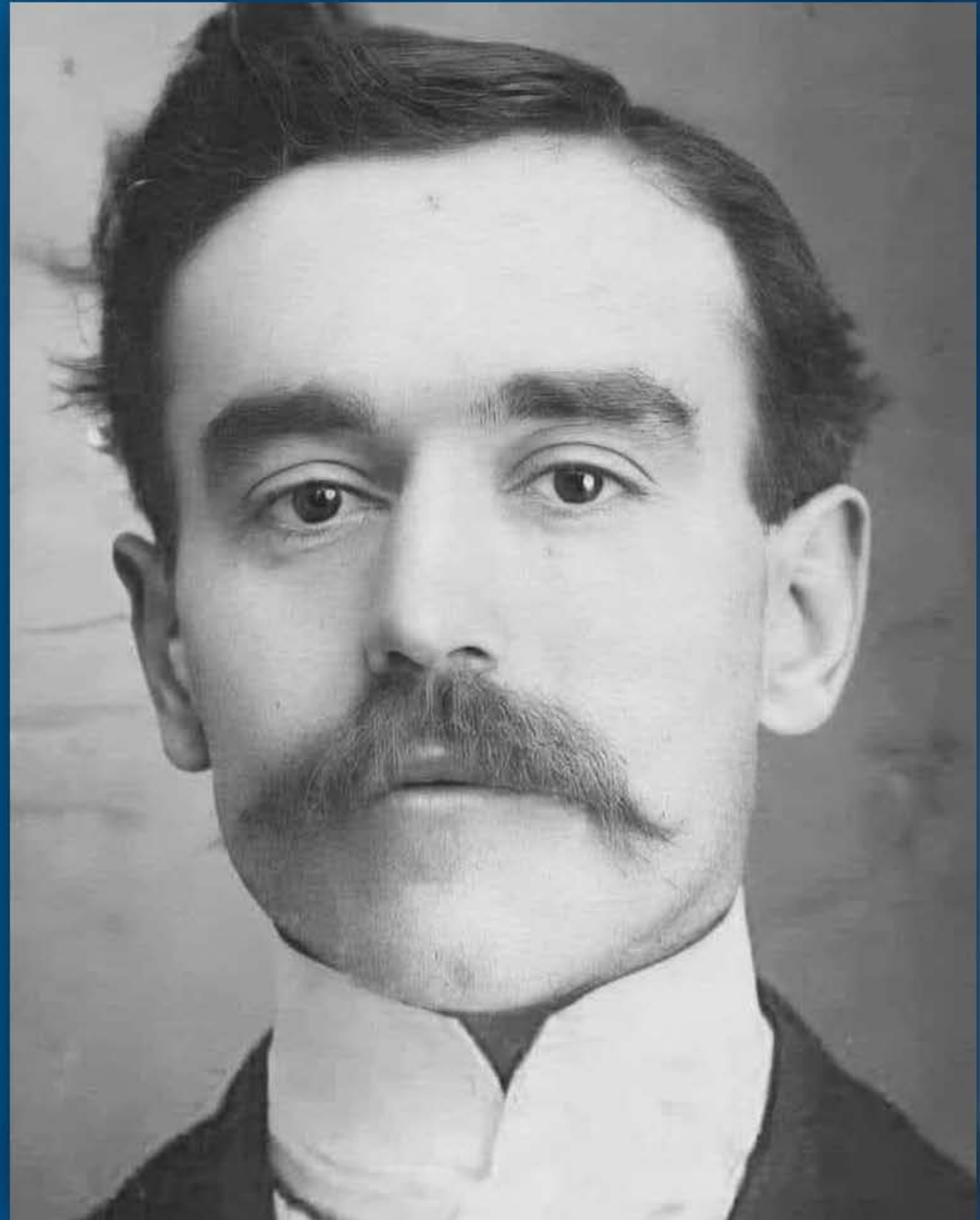
- Racism is the ultimate form of 'receiving faces.'

- The Blood of Jesus doesn't have a Color Preference.

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THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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Pentecost Has Come

Los Angeles Being Visited by a Revival of Bible Salvation and Pentecost as Recorded in the Book of Acts

The power of God now has this city agitated as never before. Pentecost has surely come and with it the Bible evidences are following, many being converted and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. The scenes that are daily enacted in the building on Azusa street and at Missions and churches in other parts of the city are beyond description, and the real revival is only started, as God has been working with His children mostly, getting them through to Pentecost, and laying the foundation for a mighty wave of salvation among the unconverted.

The meetings are held in an old Methodist church that had been converted in part into a tenement house, leaving a large, unplastered, barn-like room on the ground floor. Here about a dozen congregated each day, holding

though I have never seen you; but since you know the Holy Spirit's power, we are baptized by one Spirit into one body. Keep together in unity till I come, then in a grand meeting let all prepare for the outside fields I desire, unless God directs to the contrary, to meet and see all who have the full Gospel when I come."

THE OLD-TIME PENTECOST.

This work began about five years ago last January, when a company of people under the leadership of Chas. Parham, who were studying God's word, tarried for Pentecost in Topeka, Kan. After searching through the country everywhere, they had been unable to find any Christians that had the true Pentecostal power. So they laid aside all commentaries and notes and waited on the Lord, studying His word, and what they did not

The Lord has given the gift of writing in unknown languages, also the gift of playing on instruments.

A little girl who walked with crutches and had tuberculosis of the bones, as the doctors declared, was healed and dropped her crutches and began to skip about the yard.

All over this city, God has been setting homes on fire and coming down and melting and saving and sanctifying and baptizing with the Holy Ghost.

Many churches have been praying for Pentecost, and Pentecost has come. The question is now, will they accept it? God has answered in a way they did not look for. He came in a humble way as of old, born in a manger.

The secular papers have been stirred and published reports against the movement, but it has only resulted in drawing hungry souls who understand that the devil would not fight a thing unless God was in it. So they have come and found it was indeed the power of God.

Jesus was too large for the synagogues. He preached outside because there was not room for him inside. This Pentecostal movement is too large to be confined in any de-

to carry on His own work. He can publish His own papers without asking for or subscription price.

In the meetings, it is noticeable that some in the rear are opposing and others are at the altar falling down the power of God and feasting on the things of God. The two spirits are manifest, but no opposition can kill, for in earth or hell can stop God's work. He has consecrated instruments which to work.

Many have received the gift of singing as well as speaking in the inspiration Spirit. The Lord is giving new voices, translates old songs into new tongues, gives the music that is being sung by angels and has a heavenly choir all the same heavenly song in harmony with beautiful music, no instruments are needed at the meetings.

A Nazarene brother who received baptism with the Holy Ghost in his own home in family worship, in trying to tell a friend said, "It was a baptism of love, abounding love! Such compassion seemed almost kill me with its sweetness! But I do not know what they are doing who stand out against it. The devil never gave me a sweet thing, he was always tr-



**“The color line was washed away in the Blood.’
Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian people were
sitting together, praying together, and speaking in
tongues together.”**

Los Angeles Times, September 25, 1906

- The Memphis Miracle -October 1994

- God wants us to experience that Same Kind of Transformation in our own lives personally.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
James 2:8

- The Litmus Test of Faith = How You Treat the Person Who Can Do Absolutely Nothing For You.

- The Holy Spirit isn't here to make us 'Religious'; He is here to change the Way We See People.

3 Steps to Keep Us from Falling into the Sin of Partiality

1. Don't Confuse the Container for the Treasure.
(James 2:1)

“Am I seeing a Social Status, or am I seeing an Image-bearer of God?”

2. Prioritize People Over Preferences. (James 2:8)

"If I were in their position, how would I want to be treated?"

3. Stand on the Level Ground of Mercy (James 2:13)

If We Remember that each of us is standing on Level Ground at the Foot of the Cross, that's when we won't Have Room in our Heart to Look Down on Anyone Else.

- We must Align our Hearts with the Kingdom,
Not the Culture.

Conclusion:

1. That Person you find Difficult is a Treasure Created in the Image of God. They are a Soul for Whom Christ Bled.

Conclusion:

2. The Royal Law of Love will Always Cost
You Your Comfort.

Conclusion:

3. We Have to Remember that at the Foot of the Cross, there are no Front Rows, and there are no Back Rows. There are no VIPs. All the rest of us are only Sinners Saved by Grace.