

**I. INTRODUCTION (James 1:1)**

**II. WALK BY FAITH (James 1:2-3:12)**

**A. The Testing of Faith (James 1:2-18)**

**B. Faith In God's Word (James 1:19-27)**

**C. Faith in Christ and Partiality (James 2:1-13)**

1. Believers in Christ are not to show \_\_\_\_\_ unto others. (James 2:1)
  - a. To show partiality means to make \_\_\_\_\_ between people by treating one person better than another.
  - b. This command is meant for \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ only, identified by the words, "My brethren," as commands are not to be fulfilled in the \_\_\_\_\_ but in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. The believers were further described as possessing "the faith" which refers to the belief in the content in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The object of their faith was "our \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord of glory," which has various implications such as...
    - 1) The word "our" signifies that \_\_\_\_\_ was included with the rest of the saints as holding the faith in Christ.
    - 2) The word "Lord" indicates Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3) The word "Jesus" expresses His \_\_\_\_\_ as well as His \_\_\_\_\_ for coming, to save.
    - 4) The word "Christ" emphasizes His title as the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ one, the Messiah who was promised to be King and Deliverer.
    - 5) The words, "Lord of glory" reference His resurrected body already \_\_\_\_\_ and furthermore His visible manifestation of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. The point of this section is that personal favoritism is a product of our \_\_\_\_\_ not God's divine life, therefore, if the life of Christ is manifested in our daily life, we will not show \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.
2. Showing favoritism to others \_\_\_\_\_ in their own assembly. (James 2:2-4)
  - a. The future \_\_\_\_\_ of this happening to these Christians is established by the \_\_\_\_\_ class conditional statement beginning with the word, "if."

- b. The occasion presented to them was two visitors to their assembly, one \_\_\_\_\_ man in fine clothes and one \_\_\_\_\_ man in filthy clothes.
  - c. Their anticipated reaction to these two men was that this \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ to the wealthy man while \_\_\_\_\_ the poor man.
  - d. Their attitude was \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord had taught His disciples.
  - e. The indictment was a clear case of personal favoritism and unauthorized judgment of another person's worth which stems from abhorrently \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. In what other ways is this evil attitude shown in our churches/lives today?
3. The contrasted results of \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the carnal Christian showing personal favoritism to the rich. (James 2:5-7)
- a. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the misguided assembly to heed the exhortation of the pastor.
  - b. There is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor man by God in the future.
  - c. However, these Christians \_\_\_\_\_ the poor man in opposition to God's will.
  - d. Furthermore, these Christians follow the \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts and elevate the person who is actually \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  - e. This obvious disparity is clearly not God working in the Christians here but the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. This reminds us that the Christian must operate by \_\_\_\_\_ in God, rather than the lust of the flesh.
- What does this mean to you?
    - ✓ Personal favoritism is a product of our \_\_\_\_\_ not God's divine life.
    - ✓ We should treat others in \_\_\_\_\_ as God loves everyone.
    - ✓ We need to walk by \_\_\_\_\_ not in the lust of the flesh.