

“James: Authentic Christianity (5) – True Faith Shows No Favoritism” (2:1-13)

Favoritism and Prejudice... the Church of Jesus Christ is not Exempted

Last Message (1:19-27):

In True “Religion”, One’s Words are Consistent with his Deeds

I. The Evil of Showing Favoritism – Lack of Equity (2:1-4)

It is Incompatible for Authentic Christianity to Show Favoritism toward people

A. An Illustration of Preferential Treatment

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B. Favoritism in many forms: Active/Passive Reaching Out, Respect and Care/Interest or Lack thereof

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A. Why Preferential Judgment is Wrong (2:5-7)

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- 4. The Rich Slander the Noble Name of Christ (v 7)**

B. Love is Right; Favoritism is Sin (2:8-9)

Keep the Royal Law of “Loving your Neighbor as yourself” (v 8)

III. The Judgment of Showing Favoritism – Lack of Fidelity to God’s Law (2:10-13)

A. Prejudicial Favoritism is not a Trivial Offense according to God’s Law

B. God’s Law of Liberty: Choose Mercy, Not Prejudicial Favoritism

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