

“THE PLAGUE OF PARTIALITY IN THE CHURCH & WORLD”

SERMON NOTES

James 2:1-13

Where & how have you seen favoritism?

Historical Context ~

1. _____ – **Action Based in Relationship (v. 1)**

“Brothers & sisters” –

“Have/Hold” (command) –

Favoritism –

Predilection –

Prejudice –

Bias –

Significance of “faith  in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ”

2. _____ – **A Possible Scenario (vv. 2-4)**

The Rich Man –

The Poor Man –

~ Where does our value come from?

~ Should we never recognize distinctions? (Gal 3:28?)

~ Are we guilty? (Rom 2:11)

3. _____ – **God Is Our Standard (vv. 5-11)**

v. 5 – “Listen, dear brothers & sisters” (command) –

4 Rhetorical Questions:

Rich Man vs. Poor Man (1 Sam 16:7) –

“Royal Law” –

Christian Love –

If you have a spiritual EKG today, would your heart be beating in tune with God’s heart or the world?

~ How well do we think we are doing? What if we only strove to be 99.9% like Christ Jesus? (Eph 5:1-2)

Overcoming Spiritual Apathy = 1) Remember 2) Repent 3) Renew 4) Fellowship

~ How good is good enough? (James 2:10)