

The Sin of Partiality

James 2:1-13^{*}

James became increasingly specific and direct in his admonitions and instructions. He was obviously displeased with the inconsistencies among the brethren. He attacked the attitudes these believers displayed toward others and then pointed out their failure to act as they should. He first condemned the attitude of favoritism and gave suggestions on how to combat this obstacle to spiritual maturity. One must learn to accept others, whatever their status or class. Equity, love, and fidelity are the vital ingredients.

In this section, James examines four basic Christian doctrines in the light of the way we treat other people.

Jesus Christ's deity (2:1-4)

God's grace (2:5-7)

God's Word (2:8-11)

God's judgment (2:12-13)

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