

JAMES CHAPTER 2

INTRODUCTION:

1. Review chapter 1
2. The scattered - trials, temptation, sin - listen and do
3. Chapter 2 favoritism - the law - faith and deeds!

CHAPTER 2:1-4 (Favoritism / Insult /Discrimination)

1. **Favoritism:** *“respecter of persons”* without regard to a person’s circumstances!
2. Consider the following:
 - a) Leviticus 19:15-18 & 33
 - b) Deuteronomy 10:17-19
 - c) Acts 10:34 Peter & Gentiles
3. **Discriminate/Partiality:** *“to withdraw or separate from, oppose or hesitate, **LITERALLY** or by **REFLEX**”*
4. **“Become judges with evil thoughts”** (social status, age, race, nationality, appearance, abilities, intellect, etc.)
5. **Declaration of independence:** *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”*
6. **True or False?** Isn’t this a matter of perspective?

CHAPTER 2:5-13 (The law and the Jewish audience)

1. The **“ROYAL LAW” “THE LAW” “CHRIST’S LAW”**
 - a) Read: ***1 Corinthians 9:19-23***
2. Live by the law” (Newly converted Jewish Christians)
 - a) Galatians 5:1-6 Circumcision=obligated to obey all of law!
3. The law that brings freedom (Christ’s Law) judgement for those who are not merciful (check the Greek word, is it compassion?)

CHAPTER 2:14-26

1. The inseparable connection between faith & deeds (2:14,17,19,20,22,24,26)
2. Deeds determine if faith is dead or alive!
3. James 2:15-16 is why we moved to Detroit 7 ½ years ago.
4. Abraham and Isaac **a scary demonstration of faith!!!**
 - a) **Totally trusted** God, **totally didn’t know** the outcome and **totally hoped** for the best outcome.
 - b) Relationships, advancement, evangelism, etc

CLOSING:

1. Favoritism? Daring deeds of faith?
2. **Scripture memory:** James 2:17 & 22