

# JAMES

## James 2:1-7

Theme:

A red ribbon graphic with a white, stylized letter 'A' inside.

**1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.**

**Q: What is Partiality?** \_\_\_\_\_

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ determines our moral conduct and how we treat others.
- A proper view of man is \_\_\_\_\_ on a proper view of Jesus.
- We should be captivated by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Hebrews 1:3)
- Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over all mankind. (Matthew 19:26)
- Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the way we see other people.

**2-4 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?**

- Partiality is \_\_\_\_\_.
- All people are created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Genesis 1:27)
- All people are created by God, with equal \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Galatians 3:23-29)
- Christians are commanded to value all human life \_\_\_\_\_ the womb and \_\_\_\_\_ womb.  
(Psalm 139:13-14) (Exodus 20:13)

**5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?**

**The Sermon on the Mount / Beatitudes / Matthew 5:3 & 5:5**

» 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

• The poor in spirit - \_\_\_\_\_

» 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. .

• The meek - \_\_\_\_\_

**6-7 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?**

- God shows no \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 2:11) (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
- Jesus said: "You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) (Mark 12:31)
- All have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)
- There is no place for \_\_\_\_\_ in the life of a Christian.
- Jesus came for those in \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 4:18)
- See people the way God sees people. (1 Samuel 16:7)

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## James 2:8-13

Theme:

### Q: What is love?

- » Love is \_\_\_\_\_ an action, a verb, a choice or a battlefield!
- » Love is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- » There is no \_\_\_\_\_ outside of knowing Jesus Christ.
  - Anyone who does not love does not \_\_\_\_\_ God, because \_\_\_\_\_. - 1 John 4:8
  - Q: Can we love without God? \_\_\_\_\_.
- » Love is only understood through \_\_\_\_\_.

### 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

- Q: Who sets royal laws? \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 6:15) (Revelation 19:16)
- Q: What is the royal law? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37-39)
- Q: Did Jesus live by His own law? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:17)
- Q: Why is the royal law so important? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37-40) (Romans 13:8)

### 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are violations of God’s law of love.
- Partiality is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law of love.
- Partiality is \_\_\_\_\_.
- If we show partiality we will be \_\_\_\_\_ accordingly as lawbreakers.

### 10-11 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

- If we \_\_\_\_\_ one law (the law of love) we have broken them all.
- We are all \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 3:23)

### 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

- Christians will not be condemned but will be \_\_\_\_\_, under the law of liberty. (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- Q: What is the “law of liberty”?
- Jesus’ life, death and resurrection sets us \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- True freedom is freedom to \_\_\_\_\_ God and do what pleases him.
- The law of Christ (liberty) sets all \_\_\_\_\_ free from prejudice, oppression, and exploitation.

### 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

- How you \_\_\_\_\_ others will determine how you are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- The merciful will receive \_\_\_\_\_ at judgement.
- “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” - Luke 6:36

- » God’s laws are \_\_\_\_\_. God is 100% \_\_\_\_\_, 100% \_\_\_\_\_ and 100% \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q: Are we perfect? \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:23)
- Q: Can we obey God’s laws perfectly without help? \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus said, “Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.” - Matthew 5:48

» How can we obey God's laws?

**John 14:15-17**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Helper.
- The Holy Spirit was sent to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian's live out God's laws.
- The Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ us into the likeness of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

**Galatians 5:16-18**

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

» We are freed by the law of \_\_\_\_\_ to live and obey God's law of \_\_\_\_\_ through the power of \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:2)

- » The primary means by which we fulfill the law is \_\_\_\_\_.
- » The law of Christ (liberty) is less about what we \_\_\_\_\_ and more about \_\_\_\_\_ we love.

**Prayer**

Jesus, help me to be patient and kind. Jesus, help me to not envy or boast. Jesus, help me to not be arrogant or rude. Jesus, help me to not insist on my own way. Jesus, help me to not be irritable or resentful. Jesus, help me to not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoice with the truth. Jesus help to bear, believe, hope and endure all things. Amen - **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

----- **GROUP READING** -----

**Matthew 22:37-40**

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Matthew 5:17**

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

**Romans 13:8**

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**John 15:12-13**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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## James 2:14-26

Theme:



### » Saving Faith

- We were all \_\_\_\_\_ in sin. (Ephesians 2:5-7)
- Salvation comes by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

### » Dead “Faith”

**14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? **17** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

- If you have faith but no \_\_\_\_\_ are you really saved? (v14)
- James is giving us an example of faith without works lifestyle. (v15-16)
- “Go in peace, be warmed and filled” is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ to do nothing. (v17)
- Faith that is not followed by works is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, unable to save. (Dead “Faith”)
- Dead “faith” is all \_\_\_\_\_ and no \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dead “faith” is \_\_\_\_\_ real faith.
- Dead “faith” leads to dead works which leads to \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 11:6)
- We do not work \_\_\_\_\_ the salvation of Christ, we work \_\_\_\_\_ of the salvation of Christ.

### » Demonic “Faith”

**18** But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. **19** You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

- Saving faith and \_\_\_\_\_ are inseparable. (v18)
- What you work \_\_\_\_\_ is what you work \_\_\_\_\_. (v18)
- Saving faith \_\_\_\_\_ us to Godly works. (v18) (Matthew 5:16)
- The demons knew who Jesus was. (Luke 4:33-34) (Luke 4:41) (Mark 1:34)

#### Q: What is Demonic “faith”?

- 1) Demonic “faith” has \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Demonic “faith” \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus but does not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
  - 3) Demonic “faith” is \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Information without \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_.

### » Saving Faith

**20** Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; **23** and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. **24** You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. **25** And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? **26** For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

- Faith apart from works is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (v20)

**Q: What is justification?** Being declared \_\_\_\_\_ by God through faith in Jesus.

- Abraham and Rahab were justified because their works revealed their already present saving faith. (Genesis 15:6) (Josh. 2:8–11)

## » Does James contradict Paul?

- James 2:24 - You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
- Romans 3:28 - ...one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- 1) James emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ people and Paul \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- 2) James emphasizes the end of \_\_\_\_\_, and Paul the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) James emphasizes works that \_\_\_\_\_ faith, and Paul works that \_\_\_\_\_ with faith.

**Q: Does James contradict Paul?** \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Q: Why does faith drive us to works?**

- We \_\_\_\_\_ because God first loved us. (1 John 4:19)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ because God first gave. (John 3:16)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ because God came to serve. (Matthew 20:28) (Mark 10:45)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ because God works for, in and through us.
- Our works \_\_\_\_\_ our faith
- Faith is believed \_\_\_\_\_ and lived \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Q: How does faith drive us to works?**

- God's love is the \_\_\_\_\_ by which we do His work and will. (1 John 4:19)
- God's Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ by which we do His work and will. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- God's glory is the \_\_\_\_\_ for which we do His work and will. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Christians are not saved \_\_\_\_\_ their works, we are saved \_\_\_\_\_ our works. (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- Jesus' works \_\_\_\_\_ us, Jesus' works \_\_\_\_\_ us and Jesus' works \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## GROUP READING

### **Ephesians 2:4-10**

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Matthew 5:14-16**

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

### **Luke 4:33-34**

33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God."

### **Luke 4:41**

41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ."