



STUDY  
WITH THE BOOK OF  
THE PASTOR  
**JAMES**

*James Chapter 2*



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**WHAT IS THE ROYAL LAW?**

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**Avoiding Favoritism as an Expression of the Royal Law**

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. **2** For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in [a]fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in [b]filthy clothes, **3** and you [c]pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” **4** have you not [d]shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5** Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? **7** Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

**8** If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; **9** but if you [e]show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. **11** For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **12** So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. **13** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

**1. Disconnect Between Faith and Favoritism (v. 1)**

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**2. Discrimination in the Worship Gathering (v. 2-4)**

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**3. Discourse Against Discrimination (v. 5-7)**

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**4. Deepening our Understanding of the The Royal Law (v. 8-13)**

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**Living Out Our Faith as an Expression of the Royal Law**

**14** What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? **17** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without [f]your works, and I will show you my faith by [g]my works. **19** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! **20** But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is [h]dead? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? **22** Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made [i]perfect? **23** And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was [j]accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. **24** You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

**25** Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

**26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



**1. Faith Only? (v. 14-17)**

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**2. Works Only? (v. 18-19)**

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**3. Faith Without Works Is Dead (v. 20-26)**

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### **A Few Questions To Consider**

- 1. What are other ways the Church shows favoritism outside of wealth?**
- 2. What does it mean to fulfill the Royal Law?**
- 3. Is the Apostle Paul and James having the same conversation as it relates to “Faith and Works”?**
- 4. Is there an area of your life where you need better alignment between your faith and your works? If so, explain.**
- 5. Where are there connections between what you read and learned in chapter 2 with what is written in chapter 1 of James.**