

The Book of James – The Only NT Book

James 2:1-13 Impartiality, Nature of Righteousness

- I. James 2:1-9** ~~Against Favoritism~~ Embracing the contemptible
- vs. 1-4 Inward/outward – all should be equal right?
- key v4 (not innocent conditioned response)
- a) for favor with rich Matthew 6:19-24 (Mammon)
- b) to avoid entanglement with the needy (Galatians 6:2)
- v. 5 Matthew 9:9-13 sick need doctor
- Second thought: Was the church built by the rich and influential? The disciples?
- Third thought: Which church is more giving a poor or rich congregation?
- vs. 6-9 Love your neighbor, love one another
- Leviticus 19:18, John 13:34-35
- Vs 9 Transition The Law (historical audience)
- II. James 2:9-13** All-encompassing Nature of Righteousness
- vs. 9-11 Jesus exposes the extent of holiness required to keep the law
- Matthew 5:17-20, 21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-37,
- vs. 12-13 “Law of Liberty” – oxymoron Mercy triumphs over judgment
- Romans 8:1-4 (was not yet written)
1. Tie mercy to the poor
 2. Look ahead to vs. 14-17 Not only accepting the poor/lower class, and treating them with kindness and dignity, but actually helping them!