

**LESSON 13 • November 29, 2020**

**Fall 2020 Theme:** Love for One Another  
**Unit III:** Godly Love among Believers

**Background Scripture:** James 2  
**Print Passage:** James 2:1-13

**Key Verse(s):**

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? (James 2:5, KJV)

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Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? (James 2:5, NIV)

**Lesson Titles:****A Community of Equals**

(Faith Pathway)

**Impartial Love**

(Townsend Press Sunday School  
 Commentary)

**Questions to Consider:**

1. What does James say to believers about showing favoritism?
2. Why is showing partiality sin?

**Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Understand the difference between showing partiality and treating others equally.
- Arm that all people are equally valued and loved by God.
- Practice James's call to fulfill the "royal law" of loving one's neighbor as oneself.

**Lesson Context:**

- James addressed the worldliness that was infiltrating the church. A lack of spiritual maturity had caused many to profess Christ, but to live immoral and unrighteous lives.
- James address issues of showing of partiality, discrimination and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lesson Outlines/Key Points:****I. The Problem (James 2:1-4)**

- James charges believers to refuse to show partiality or \_\_\_\_\_.
- As Christ has received us just as we are, we are to receive others in the same way.

## II. A Study in Contrasts (James 2:5-7)

- James reminded his readers that they were favoring those who were the \_\_\_\_\_ of their current persecution.
  - James points out that showing favoritism was wrong because the rich unbelievers were guilty of blaspheming Christ's name to whom the believers belonged.
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## III. Violating God's Law (James 2:8-13)

- James warned his readers of the danger of selective obedience. We cannot choose the commandments we want to follow or decide how we want to obey them.
  - Just as we are the recipients of God's \_\_\_\_\_, we should act mercifully toward others without discrimination or prejudice.
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### Lesson Summary:

- Christians must not discriminate either in favor or against anyone.
- Showing no partiality or favoritism at all is \_\_\_\_\_ standard for our relationship with others, no matter who they are.

### What do you think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How can titles get in the way of humbly serving others

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2. How would you rate your local congregation regarding their equal or equitable treatment of people?

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3. What attitudes can cause believers to think that showing favoritism is not sin?

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### As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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