



James 2:8-13

True Faith Works on Our Actions

Part II: Stop in the Name of the Law

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Sermon Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What is the relationship between the parable in James 2:1-8 and the teachings on the Law in James 2:8-13?
2. What two defenses for our partiality might our sinful hearts make? How does James parry these defenses?
3. How does Satan tempt you to trivialize your sin?
4. The Law is a mirror and a window. What do these two analogies mean and how can we apply them in our own lives?
5. What was the error of the Pharisees which James addresses (without using their names) in this passage?
6. What example of selective obedience can we see in the modern church? In yourself? Are there sins or laws that you like to selectively keep (or ignore)? Take some time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any places, then ask God to help you be complete instead of selective in your obedience.
7. What do Judaizers believe? In contrast, how what does James teach (hint: see Acts 15)?
8. Read Hebrews 7:12. What is the difference between the Regulatory and Revelatory Law of God?
9. Read Romans 13:8-10. What is the Royal Law that James references? Why is it royal?
10. The Royal law sets us free... from what? To what? For some reminders, read Galatians 5:13-15, John 14:15 & Romans 6:12-14.

11. "If you are having a love problem, *either* 1) you need to live under the law of liberty (remembering the mercy you have received - because mercy triumphs over judgment) *or* 2) you need to receive the Law of Liberty (because judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy). For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it." The question before us is: do we want God's grace or God's judgment? How can we receive God's grace? Read Romans 10:9, I John 5:13, I John 3:23. Have you received God's grace?