

Faith Missionary Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY

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LESSON 2

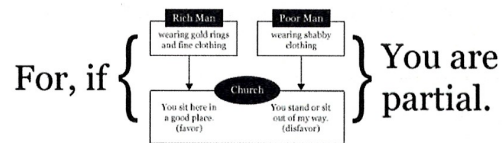
Partiality Is Forbidden In The Church

INTRODUCTION

Partiality is defined as, the practice of giving unfair or preferential treatment to one person or group of persons. Partiality is a practice that occurs in every circle where humans gather themselves together. We show partiality in the family. We show partiality on the job. We show partiality in the church. No places are off limits to partiality. Do we treat certain people a certain way based on who they are or who they are not? Do we shut certain people out of our lives? In today's/tonight's lesson we are going to take a close look at the practice of partiality. We are also going to see how faith and works are closely related and necessary in our lives as Christians.

1st Reading-James 2:1-4.....*The Profile of Partiality*

- A. My brethren- term of Christian love
- B. Admonition-True faith in Christ (The Lord of Glory)
- C. Does not show favoritism
- D. Example:



- E. Christian honor the rich but disdain the poor
- F. Actions: sit here, stand there
- G. **Question:** Are you not partial

2nd Reading- James 2:5-6.....*God Shows Love and Favor To All*

- A. Listen brethren
- B. **Question:** Hath not God chosen the poor also
- C. The blessings of the poor: rich in faith, heirs of the kingdom.
- D. Your Indictment: You have despised the poor
- E. Question: Do not the rich oppress you, and draw you to judgment seats

3rd Reading- James 2:7-11.....*Partiality Is Sin Too*

- A. **Question:** Do not they (the rich) blaspheme the name of Christ?
- B. If you fulfill the royal law you shall love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well
- C. Showing favoritism is sin
- D. Missing one point of the law means missing it all.
- E. God is the author of all of the commandments

4th Reading James 2:12-16.....*Faith Is AN Action Word*

- A. Do as you speak
- B. As they that will be judged by the law of liberty
- C. Judgment without mercy equals no mercy.
- D. **Question:** What does it profit to talk faith and not live faith?
- E. Faith alone cannot save
- F. Wishing the poor well no assistance
- G. Wishing alone is unprofitable to the poor

5th Reading James. 2:17-20.....The Profile of Dead Faith

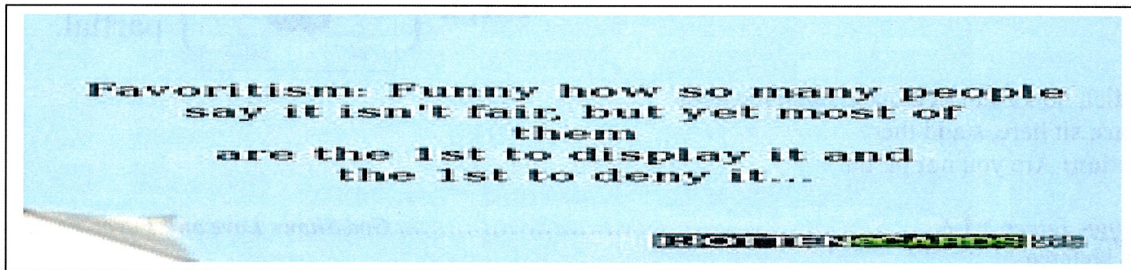
- A. Faith that has no works
- B. A word only faith
- C. James case: show me your faith by works
- D. You believe there is one God
- E. The devil believes the same.
- F. **Question:** Will thou know-O vain man, faith without works is dead?

6th reading-James 2:21-23.....Abraham's Faith Demonstrated By Works

- A. **Question:** Was not Abraham our Father justified by works?
- B. How: By offering up Isaac
- C. Question: See how faith is made complete by works.
- D. The scripture was fulfilled which spoke of Abrahams faith and works
- E. Abrahams faith and works counted as righteousness.
- F. Abrahams faith won him the title-The Friend of God (He pleased God with his faith and works)

7th Reading-James 2:24-26.....Faith and Works Go Together

- A. A man is justified by works and faith
- B. Rahab the harlot is another example
- C. Rahab hid the spies
- D. Rahab sent them out another way
- E. Closing point:
 - Without the spirit the body is dead
 - Without works faith is dead. (Faith must be activated by works)



Spiritual Application: Apply This Lesson To Your Life Today

- 1. God is no respecter of persons.
- 2. Partiality separates people from one another and brings disunity in the church.
- 3. Faith is an action word.
- 4. Talking faith must be walking faith.
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____

MEMORY VERSES: "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." -----James 2:26