

**Alderwood Community Church
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Are You A Christian Snob?
James: A Faith that Works – Part 4
James 2:1-13
(Page 1196-1197 or 1217)

**It is incompatible with the Christian faith
for followers of Jesus to play favorites.**

1. The Principle: It is a _____ to show personal favoritism!

2. The Problem:

A. Favoritism is _____ (vv. 1-4)

B. Favoritism is _____ (vv. 5-7)

C. Favoritism is _____ (vv. 8-13)

3. The Prescription: How can we be a loving church?

A. _____ our _____!

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5

B. _____ everyone.

*“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you.” **Romans 15:7***

C. _____ the needs of everyone.

*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interest of others.” **Philippians 2:3-4***

D. _____ everyone.

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” **Hebrews 10:24-25***

Sermon Questions:

1. Pastor Brad mentioned that people show favoritism based on several things like appearance, ancestry, age, achievement, affiliation (religious, political), and affluence. How have you seen Christians and churches show favoritism? What was your reaction?

2. Read **James 2:1-4**. What does James mean by “showing favoritism”?

Why is it inconsistent with Christian faith to show favoritism?

3. Read **James 2:5-7**. James poses three questions. How would you answer each question?

What is the truth he wants us to consider?

4. Read vv.**8-11**. What does James say in these verses about those who show favoritism? How do you respond to James' charge?

5. Read vv.**12-13**. We will all be judged for how we have lived our lives as Christians (**2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12**). Based on what James has written here, how do you think it will go for you when you stand before Jesus?
6. How can we as individual followers of Jesus Christ, and collectively as His church, show mercy rather than favoritism? Be specific.