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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Showing Partiality In Our Faith

Text: James 2:1-13

James begins this section by giving a direct command in the negative: DO NOT hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. The word partiality means “to receive the face” of someone or to accept his external appearance as the real thing and to make an evaluation on that basis (Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible). It is the action of looking at someone outwardly and judging how you are going to treat or act toward them based on that appearance. This can be like the text says, what they are wearing or how clean and smelling they are. But this goes a lot deeper as well. This can be a partiality based on skin color, heritage, culture, etc. It is being judgmental on ANY OUTWARDLY basis. We see this happening today by people looking down on other people solely based on race, color, income status, housing, etc. My friends, do we think that Jesus would look down on someone by these means? Absolutely not! This is the basis of why he says that we should not hold the FAITH of our Lord with partiality. The faith that we hold is that which is mirroring the Lord that we serve. It would be important to notice that James states that we “become judges with evil thoughts”. We are judges of evil thoughts because we are automatically using our thoughts as the judgment basis as well as having the heart of LOOKING DOWN on others.

Look at the logic that James uses in verses 5-7. He first speaks of God and what He has chosen. “He chose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him”. God is the One who can choose whoever He wants for His will and to be the possessor of His inheritance.

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WE DON'T CHOOSE THAT! So with that being said, notice that they “have dishonored the poor man”. What God has chosen, when we show partiality, we shoot down or destroy rather than uplift the one who God chose. Then he goes on to state that the ones who they are lifting are the ones that “oppress you and drag you into courts..and blaspheme that noble name by which you are called.” They are uplifting the ones who are their enemies because they are enemies of Christ. We MUST NOT be distracted by the physical that we lose sight of the actual spiritual status of individuals!

In verses 8-12, James speaks of this royal law that we are all being held accountable to. The royal law is nothing more than the Law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). He states that this royal law was “according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. This is a direct reference to what Jesus preached in Mark 12:31. This is the second of the greatest commandments that Jesus said “hangs all the law and the prophets”. Now notice that he then states in verse 9, that “if we show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” It is sin because it DOES NOT MEET UP with the law that Christ has established. There is no justification, reasoning, or any other thing that will make this type of treatment ok. We will ALWAYS stand CONVICTED if we fall into suit with this type of treatment. We are to “speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.”

Notice how he ends this section, “For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy.” The way that we treat others is the exact way that our Lord will treat us in the Judgment. So would we like for the Lord to treat us in the way that we treat others in partiality? If not, then how do we change it? “Mercy triumphs over judgment.” We must be merciful if we ever want to be given mercy on the day of Judgment. Change the way that we treat others and show the same love, grace, and mercy to everyone!

~Wes Garland



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

Sept. 25 - Gal. 4

Sept. 26 - Gal. 5

Sept. 27 - Gal. 6

Sept. 28 - Eph. 1



Sept. 29 - Eph. 2

Sept. 30 - Eph. 3

Oct. 1 - Eph. 4

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ingrid Mock, Derek Elam, Madelene Holbrook, Don Minor, Pat Grady, Perry Cooper, Ingrid Mock, Tish Clarke, Randy Clemmons, Rosemary Clemmons, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Cheryl Culler, Tish Clark, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Cheryl Culler, Nicole Roy, Mike Ford, Sharon York, Abbie Little, Sherrill Stewart, Patricia Wood, Val Giff's father, Lauren Krell, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Trooper Josh Church, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

Betty Hoots had surgery on September 20th and is back home. Next up: Brad on the 22nd. Please pray for both of them.

Aldene Cloud was taken to the ER Monday morning and admitted to the hospital. He had blood clots in both his lungs and he had a procedure on Tuesday to help dissolve the clots faster. The procedure went well and he is resting and feeling much better. Please keep him in your prayers.

Gene Southern is at home recovering from his recent surgery on his Achilles Heel. He will have to be careful for a number of weeks to protect the surgery by not being on his feet.

LaDonna Gordon - Jim and D.J. Harrison oldest daughter. She had a heart attack last week and has only been home only a couple of days. We just took her back to the hospital with a possible blood clot, don't know for sure yet. —Jim and D.J. Harrison.

Pat Grady, Kathleen Warner's father had an accident injuring his right hand. Please pray for him and Brenda, his wife. The address is: 3667 Frye Bridge Road, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Erica Stewart's father has Colon Cancer and is taking treatments at this time. Please put them on our prayer list and send cards. Address: Gene & Ilene Hackney, P.O. Box 63, Lewisville, NC 27023. Thank you. - Sherrill



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-BIBLE STUDY.

EVENTS AT WARNERS CHAPEL:

November 5 - Warners Chapel will have our yearly Chicken Stew in the Annex.

November 27-30 - Gospel Meeting at Warners Chapel. The speaker will be Eric Owens. More information later.

AREA EVENTS:

October 1 - Ladies Day at the Lexington Church of Christ. Speaker: Wanda Cline & the Theme: "Working For the Lord".

Registration: Beginning at 10 a.m., Refreshments and Coffee - (10:30 a.m. - Program), (12 p.m. Lunch.) Address: 1330 Piedmont Drive, Lexington, NC.

October 7-9, 2022 *Gospel Meeting* at the NW Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC on Friday & Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Meal at 1:00 p.m.
Invitation to Warners Chapel

October 10th- Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ, Rock Hill, SC (More information to come).

Church Humor:

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and suddenly turned into a pillar of salt. "My mother looked back once while she was driving," contributed little Johnny, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS
SEPTEMBER, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: CARL COOPER
COMMUNION FOR AUGUST: DC MOCK

DEVOTIONS FOR: SEPTEMBER

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>PRAAYER</u>
Sept. 4 - Rodney Brown	Wayne Allen	Todd Hinson
Sept. 11 - Randy Warner	David Shoaf	Mark Minor
Sept. 18 - Gene Ruark	Gene Southern	Mike Glenn
Sept. 25 - Al Lawson	Justin Little	Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: SEPTEMBER

<u>SUNDAY A.M.</u>	<u>SUNDAY P.M.</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Sept. 4 - Allen Knight	Wayne Allen	Sept. 7 - Jim Harrison
Sept. 11 - Johnny Spillman	Clayton Workman	Sept. 14 - Adam Warner
Sept. 18 - Mark Roy	Randy Warner	Sept. 21 - Andy Santiago
Sept. 25 - Tim Allen	Mark Clemons	Sept. 28 - David Moore

SECURITY AND GREETING: RODNEY BROWN & GENE RUARK

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR : SEPTEMBER

<u>SUNDAY A.M.</u>	<u>SUNDAY P.M.</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Sept. 4 - Roger Allan	Justin Little	Sept. 7 - Charley Belch
Sept. 11 - David Shoaf	Clayton Workman	Sept. 14 - Justin Little
Sept. 18 - Wayne Allan	David Shoaf	Sept. 21 - Roger Allen
Sept. 25 - Gene Southern	Wayne Allen	Sept. 28 - David Shoaf

COORDINATOR: GENE SOUTHERN

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on **Cable 8**
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on **Cable 68**
Warner's Chapel Website: <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>

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Andy Santiago

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