

## Do We Love Others With All Our Heart

James 2:1-13

I. The problem – The preferential treatment that the Jews were showing to the upper class in the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:1)

A. Favoritism - Preferential treatment towards a person or persons at the \_\_\_\_\_ of others (\_\_\_\_\_)

B. God's response to favoritism

1. We should strive for \_\_\_\_\_, justice, \_\_\_\_\_, and honesty, in our personal and public dealings with others (Zech. 8:16-17)
2. We cannot draw closer to God when we \_\_\_\_\_ our brothers and sisters (Lev. 19:17; 1 John 2:9; 4:20)
3. Favoritism is a \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:9-11)

II. James explains why their favoritism was wrong (James 2:5-7)

A. Favoritism contradicts God's \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:5)

B. Favoritism keeps us from \_\_\_\_\_ for those need (James 2:6a)

C. Favoritism aids those who \_\_\_\_\_ the poor (James 2:6b)

D. Favoritism helps those who \_\_\_\_\_ the name of Christ (James 2:7)

III. How do we avoid showing favoritism?

A. Do not judge people by their outward \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:2-4)

**Why? – Because \_\_\_\_\_ does not show Favoritism**  
(Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25)

B. Show compassion to everyone (James 2:8)

1. Love overlooks the \_\_\_\_\_ things of the world
2. Love allows us to show kindness to all people despite their \_\_\_\_\_
3. We show compassion because God had \_\_\_\_\_ on us (James 2:12-13)

IV. Questions to Ponder

A. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ special treatment?

B. Are you showing favoritism to others?

Two problems with favoritism

1. Favoritism \_\_\_\_\_ God

2. Favoritism \_\_\_\_\_ a chance to see dramatic changes in people.

C. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in your dealings with others?

D. Are you listening for God's \_\_\_\_\_ when you deal with others?

E. Are you listening to those who \_\_\_\_\_ with you?

F. As you listen, are you seeking the \_\_\_\_\_?