

Sermon Notes

FAITHWORKS

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1. The folly of _____.

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?

Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?” (James 2:1-7 NLT)

2. The impossibility of _____.

We maintain that man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. (Romans 3:28 NASB)

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Live so people will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16 NCV)

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CHALLENGE: Consider how your faith can be demonstrated and strengthened by giving of yourself to others. Offer your service as a gift to the Lord.

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