



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!

Real Faith

Respecting All Persons

James 2:1-13



I. FAITH AND FAVORITISM ARE INCOMPATIBLE (2:1).

A. A definition of favoritism.

To receive by face

B. Discernment is not condemned.

II. A GENERAL ILLUSTRATION (2:2-4).

A. The setting (2).

1. The “assembly.”
2. Two types of people enter.

B. The responses (2-3)

1. Preferential treatment for the rich.
2. The poor were welcomed, but treated as if they didn't belong there.

C. The motive (4).

1. Class distinction was made.

2. Why such distinctions?

Seeking selfish gain? Public image?



III. WHY PREJUDICE IS WRONG (2:5-11).

A. It is incompatible with God's grace (5)

B. It ignores common sin (6-7)

C. It is inconsistent with Scripture (8-11).



IV. HOW TO PREVENT FAVORITISM (2:12-13).

A. Make Scripture your standard, not your cultural influences (12)

B. Be merciful, not judgmental (13)



