

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 192--James 2)**

**Introduction:** In chapter two James addresses two common problems facing the Christian, discrimination and neglect. He shows how true faith expresses itself in love for all men and works that manifest that faith.

**Lesson aim:** To learn how to express true faith in our attitudes toward others.

### **The challenge of partiality--Jas. 2:1-13**

1. What is "respect of persons"? How were Christians showing this characteristic? (v. 2-3) To whom were they giving special preference? How did they show it?
2. What did discrimination toward the poor demonstrate about those who practiced it? (v. 4)
3. What part had the poor had in the blessings of God? (v. 5) Yet, how had the Christians treated them?
4. How had the rich conducted themselves? (v. 6) What did the rich blaspheme?
5. By what law are Christians to live? (v. 8) What does that law say?
6. When the Scriptures say "love your neighbor" who is included in "neighbor"?
7. What does James say about the man who shows partiality? (v. 9) Why is this so? (v. 10)
8. How does Paul illustrate the concept that we cannot obey one part of the law of God to the exclusion of another? (v. 11)
9. Christians are to be judged by what law? (v. 12) Does this law effect how we speak and act? (v. 13)

10. What does this law cause us to show to others? (v. 13) What will happen to those who show no mercy?
11. Would you say that James' point is that those who truly live by faith will show love and mercy to their fellowmen?

### **The challenge of faith without works--Jas. 2:14-26**

1. What problem does James discuss in the second section of this chapter? (v. 14) What example did he give to illustrate the problem? (v. 15-16)
2. How did James describe the faith that has no works? (v. 17)
3. What did James say one might well say? (v. 18)
4. What does a man with a dead faith have in common with demons? (v. 19)
5. What else did James say about faith without works? (v. 20)
6. How was Abraham justified? (v. 21) What specifically did he do?
7. How then was his faith made perfect? (v. 22) What Scripture did this event fulfill? (v. 23)
8. A man is justified by \_\_\_\_\_, and not by faith \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24).
9. How was Rahab justified? (v. 25) What specifically did she do?
10. Faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26)