



**“Glorious Faith”**  
Seeing Others in Light of Eternity  
James 2:1-7

**Does it hurt you when others are referred to as:**

**Trailer trash**  
**Hicks**  
**Worthless**  
**Hopeless**  
**Low Lives**  
**Never do wells**  
**Wrong side of the Track**  
**Them or Those**

This passage is linked to the one previous...It elaborates on the “splatter” we discussed last week in the statement that we need to keep ourselves unspotted by this world = worldly thinking and behavior...the preventative was to visit or care for the widows and fatherless...Now, we look at the prevailing attitude of the world ... riches = importance and success...poverty = insignificance and failure...

Don't Discriminate...and if you do...Do it by the character of their faith not the color of their cash or clothes

Seeing others as Jesus see them...Someone of infinite worth that Jesus died for.

*Gloriously maintaining an eternal :*

**I. Perspective** – “with respect of” (v. 1)

*Purposefully focuses on the :*

- A. Family – “ *my brethren* “
- B. Faith – “ *the faith* “
- C. Future – “*of glory*”

**II. Practice** - “are ye not then” (v. 2-4)

*Providing every believer with :*

- A. Access – “*your assembly*”
- B. Appreciation – “*ye have respect to him*”
- C. Accommodation – “*and say to the*”

**III. Preference** - “Hath not God chosen ” (v. 5-7)

*Placing high value on those who are :*

- A. **Trusting** – “*rich in faith* ”
- B. **Toiling** – “*heirs of the kingdom*”

C. **True** – “*them that love Him*”

EXEGESIS

V. 1

- My brethren = 4<sup>th</sup> time James makes a direct appeal for a change in the Christian’s normal way of doing things.
- Have not = Quit having with...
- Faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ = in our Lord Jesus Christ
- The Lord of glory = the Lord is italicized and thus not really there. Better the glorious faith in the Lord Jesus Christ = a follower of His words, ways, and perspective.
  - Or Our Lord Jesus Christ of Glory = alluding to the true abode of Jesus in the heavenlies as opposed and in contrast to not having a place to lay His head here on earth.
- Respect of persons = deference to rich people on earth and demeaning of those who are common on earth. Favoritism

V. 2

- Into your assembly = into your church = take ownership in the culture of your church and help make it what Christ would want = Welcoming, Hospitable, Loving, Accepting

v. 3

sit her under my footstool = You are allowed here but not accepted here. We will not afford you:

- \* Full Participation
- \* Fitting Accommodations
- \* Dignity as an equal

v. 4

with evil thoughts = judging others = discriminating based on how we perceive their:

- > Worth
- > Guilt

**BEFORE THE NEXT VERSES USE SLIDES RICH/POOR**

v. 5

Listen, my beloved brethren = 5<sup>th</sup> occurrence of direct appeal ....paired with LISTEN = remember, be swift to listen...

God has chosen = God is in charge of choosing not us

\* Rich in faith = deep and invested

\* Heirs of the kingdom = works indicated as to hierarchy

\* Those who love Him = the real defining issue or value

\*\*\*\* Despite someone's outward appearances, they might be a spiritual millionaire!!!

Heaven gave away its greatest treasure to provide an inheritance for you and me.

V. 6-7

Ye have despised the poor = You have dishonored the poor man = you should have honored him and instead you have dishonored the ones God is and will honor.

>>> Difference between opinions who should be honored: Illustration:

\* Bill Clinton at William Jewell College – Honorary Doctorate of Humanities for all he has done for mankind.

Do they not blaspheme the name = It is really not honorable for anyone to denounce the name of Christ.

Being Magnanimous or Affable