



Outline - Sunday, February 26, 2017

Sermon Title: The Test of Faith in The Temptation of Favoritism #1

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-16

1. **The Faith of Christ, the GLORY of GOD - *misrepresented***
 - a. The glory of the Father - Heb 1:2/2 Cor 4:6/Col 1:15
 - b. The Father was not partial - 1 Peter 1:17/Matt 22:16
 - c. God's law forbids partiality - vs 8-10/Lev 19:10, 15/Deut 15:9-10

2. **Partiality is a principle in fallen man: "its emphatic" vs 1.a**
 - a. Illustrated by James 2:2-4
 - b. A pattern in scripture - Ps 82:2/Prov 18:5/Job 20:19
 - c. Opposite of the God of all grace - vs 5-7/1 Cor 1:26-28

3. **We have been saved impartially vs 12-14**
 - a. We were not different - Rom-3:9
 - b. God was not advantaged by us - Rom 3:12; 11:34, 35
 - c. Our common spiritual poverty destroys any distinction - "None"

4. **Liberated from partiality by the power of the Gospel: vs 12-14**
 - a. Looking intently until we see our need of Grace - James 1:25/John 16:8
 - b. Affirming that we are mere objects of mercy - 1 Tim 1:13-15/Rom 9:15-16
 - c. Withhold justice - bestowing blessings - Gal 2:10/Acts 20:31/Job 5:13-15/
Prov 13:7/2 Cor 8:9/Prov 17:5 - Christ