

Living Faith
Part Three: The Freedom Law
James 2:1-13
July 16, 2023

1. It's inconsistent for believers to show favoritism in church (2:1-4)
How were they showing favoritism?
 - ✓ They rated people based on appearance.
 - ✓ They showed honor to the wealthy and disdain for the poor.
 - Favoritism makes us judge people based on evil thinking.
2. Partiality makes no sense considering the truth about the poor and the rich (2:5-7)
 - God has chosen many of the poor to be rich in faith.
 - As a rule, it's rich people who oppress believers and blaspheme the name of Jesus.
3. Believers are responsible to practice the law of liberty in their treatment of others (2:8-13)
 - Partiality breaks God's royal law.
 - There is no such thing as insignificant sin.
 - Believers must talk and act like those who are measured by the freedom law.
 - To conquer partiality, lead out with mercy.