
JAMES 2 STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In the opening verses of James 2, what do you think “respect of persons” means?
2. What example of respecting of persons does James give in verses 2 and 3?
3. What have we become when we show this kind of partiality or favoritism?
4. Why do you suppose this admonition was necessary to the believers of the early church?
5. Who is James quoting in verse 8? What passage is this from?
6. What sin is James saying we are guilty of committing when we show favoritism?
7. What do you think is meant by the last part of verse 13, “Mercy rejoiceth against judgement” or “mercy triumphs over judgement”?
8. According to verses 14-26, what is a good indicator of whether we are truly saved or not?
9. Is James’s point that we need faith + works to equal salvation? What might be a more accurate mathematical equation to show his point?
10. Is it possible to have true saving faith without acts of love to follow?
11. What two human examples did James use to show that faith is completed, or comes to fruit, in good works?
12. To what does James compare faith without works in our own body?
13. What does this chapter tell you about God? How does this aspect of God’s character change your view of self? What should you do in response?