

# Faith Works to Break Through the Barriers of Class and Race

## I. Prejudice is sinful!

- A. If we show partiality, what have we become? (James 2:4)  
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- B. What scripture does James say we would do well to keep? (James 2:8)  
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- C. What comparison does John make to the one who hates his brother? (1 John 3:15)  
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## II. Peter and Partiality

- A. “In truth I perceive that God shows no \_\_\_\_\_. But in every nation whoever \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.” (Acts 10:34-35)
- B. In defending his actions at Caesarea, Peter said, “Who was I that I could \_\_\_\_\_ God?” (Acts 11:17)
- C. How did Peter succumb to peer pressure and sin? Did Peter’s actions influence others? What can we learn from this? (Gal. 2:11-13)

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## III. Paul and Partiality

- A. What language is used in these passages to show how Paul fought against partiality in the Lord’s church?
1. Acts 15:2 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Gal. 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Gal. 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What did Paul call the actions of Peter, Barnabas, and other Jews who fell prey to peer pressure? (Gal. 2:13) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How did Paul handle the sinful actions of fellow Christians on this occasion? What can we learn from this? (Gal. 2:14)

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**IV. Conclusion: There is NO excuse for prejudice!**

- A. What does Rom. 12:1-2 say about changing our sinful attitudes or actions?

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- B. What is said of those who let the Pharisees influence their actions in John 12:42-43? What can we learn from this?

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- C. What does happens if we show partiality according to James 2:8-9?

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- D. Circle the action words in the passage below and think about the work involved in putting away sin:

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:7-10