

Sunday, May 3 At Home Church

A time to be thankful – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

What is one takeaway from Pastor Dave's message today?

A few background questions to help us in our understanding of James.

- Who wrote James? (James)
- Who did he write it to? (The church – all believers, the new Israel)

Read James 2 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read James 2?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter. I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from James 2 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

- Vs. 1-13 talks about not showing favoritism. In our passage, the man who is shown favoritism is described as wearing a gold ring and fine clothes and the poor man in shabby clothes is not treated well. In our culture, describe the people who are shown favoritism and those who are ignored and/or treated poorly. How about you? Be honest, who have you or do you struggle with in the area of favoritism?
 - Describe the kinds of people that Jesus touched, healed, showed compassion for, etc.
 - James references "Love your neighbor as yourself." How has someone else shown love to you during the last several weeks.
 - What is one way you can love your neighbor this week?

- Vs 14-26 talks about showing our faith thru our good deeds.
A note of understanding – we must be certain to not think that James is saying we are saved by our good works. As we read the whole of Scripture, we know that salvation is by faith in what Jesus has done. Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it very clear that salvation is not by works. James is simply telling us that belief is always followed up by action. We are supposed live in such a way that points other people to Jesus and if our faith is not being backed up by our good deeds, that won't happen. If you would like to discuss that further or need clarification, please feel free to contact Pastor Dave or Damian.
 - Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What clarification does that bring to our James 2 passage?
 - Verse 22 talks about Abraham's faith and actions working together. Describe someone else you know whose faith and actions work together.
- What other things, verses, words are you thinking about from James 2 other than what has already been discussed?
- Close your time in prayer
- CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from James 2 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well.

"How To Get Along With People"

James 2:1-14, NIV84

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people!"

Theodore Roosevelt

"Isn't this man Jesus the carpenter's Son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't His brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?" Matt. 13:55

LET'S LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FAIRNESS & FAITH

1. The Importance Of Fairness & Faith In _____.

"My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism." Jam. 2:1

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" Jam. 2:14a

"The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob." Genesis 25:27-28

2. The Importance Of Fairness & Faith In _____.

"Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" James 2:2-4

A. Positive Small Groups & Cliques.

"If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" James 2:3-4

B. Positive Examples Of Good Attitudes.

THE POOR WIDOW, GREAT IN GOD'S EYES?

"But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny." Mark 12:42

PETER, A ROCK?

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church..." Matthew 16:18a

"Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment." John 7:24

HOW TO AVOID FAVORITISM:

Look At Everyone Through The Eyes Of Christ.

***In God's Eyes, Beautiful People Are The Ones
Who Are Beautiful In The Inside!***

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

*O! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Repeat refrain

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Repeat refrain

Everyday

Verse 1

What to say, Lord, It's You who gave me life
And I can't explain just how much You mean to me
Now that You saved me I give all that I am to You
That everyday I can be a light that shines Your name

Verse 2

Everyday, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I, that I might come to know You more
That You would guide me in every single step I take that
Everyday I can be a light unto the world

Chorus

Everyday, it's You I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after You
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord

Repeat Verse 2 and Chorus

It's You I live for everyday, It's You I live for everyday
It's You I live for everyday

Repeat

Chorus

Your Name

As Morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
that rise from earth to touch Your heart
and glorify Your name

Chorus:

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your name is a shelter like no other;
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
For nothing has the power to save but Your Name.*

Jesus, in Your name we pray,
Come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name

(repeat chorus twice)

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in
all."

Chorus:

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
(repeat chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
(repeat chorus)

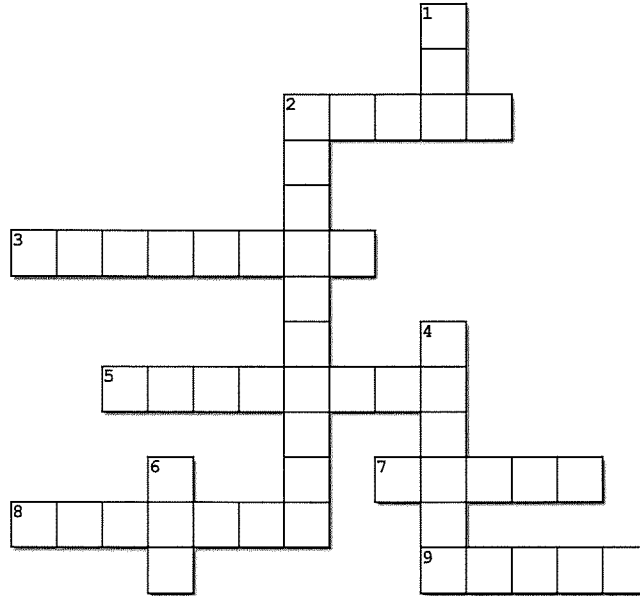
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead.
Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead, Jesus
(Repeat)
(Repeat Chorus)

**"ABRAHAM
BELIEVED
GOD ... AND
HE WAS
CALLED THE
FRIEND OF
GOD"**

**(JAMES
2:23)**

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

2. where the poor man is told to sit
3. Love your _____ as yourself
5. abraham's faith and actions worked _____
7. what triumphs over judgment
8. the man who was considered righteous because of his faith
9. Our faith should be backed up by good _____ (the answer is not 'works')

Down

1. the chapter we are studying today
2. treating someone better than another person for some reason
4. Abraham was called God's _____
6. what month is it?