

“Who is Christ for Anyway?”

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Favoritism

- + V. 1 - “My brethren do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.”
- + New Testament favoritism denotes a Partiality, a Biased judgment based on External circumstances, such as Race, Wealth, Social rank, or Popularity while disregarding the individual’s Inner person.
- + Verse 2 - “For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,”
- + There are **two Distinct persons set apart by how they are Dressed**.

Showing Preference

- + Verse 3 – “And you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, ‘you sit here in a good place,’ and you say to the poor man, ‘you stand over there or sit down by my footstool.’”
- + The Wealthy was given the best Seat in the church.
- + The Poor Man was given the Floor or to Stand.
- + Matthew 9:12-13 - “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means, I desire compassion, and not sacrifice, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Showing Distinctions

- + Verse 4 - “have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?”
- + They had Judged these men Needs by their Appearance without knowing their Hearts.
- + What is the Goal of a Christian?
- + Galatians 3:26-28 - “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- + Two Messages:
 - o All Need Jesus.
 - o We are to Love one another as Equals in the sight of God.