***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 3**

**Rich Man Poor Man**

Read James 2

Memory Work: James 2:14-17

1. a. What does it mean to show favoritism or partiality? James 2:1,4

b. If poor or shabby people come to your church, how are they to be treated?

Evaluate c. Can you think of any time you might have done this……..or perhaps have been treated in this way?

d. If you have done this, confess it. Now, make a point of greeting those whom you don’t usually greet or try sitting in another place in church this coming Sunday.

e. From Matthew 9: 10-13, how did Jesus treat the down and outers?

f. How serious is showing partiality? James 2:9

1. a. From verse 5, God has chosen the \_ \_ \_ \_ of this world to be \_ \_ \_ \_ in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Kingdom.

b. If God doesn’t show partiality, then isn’t verse 5 a contradiction? Explain. See Matthew 5:3

c. Why do you think it’s difficult for a rich man to enter heaven? Matthew 19:23; Luke 16:19-31;

II Corinthians 8:9

d. What does it mean to fulfill the royal law? What is the royal law? Matthew 22:37-40

1. a. How does breaking one of God’s laws make us guilty of breaking all of the law?

b. Has anyone kept all of the law? Who?

1. a. How important is it to have mercy in your life? Verse 13.

b. Why is it important that mercy triumphs over judgement?

5.a. Do you have any troubles with verses 14, 17, and 20……if so, what?

b. What does Jesus say about faith and works in Matthew 7:15-23? Matthew 25:31-46?

c. Does Paul agree or disagree with Jesus? Romans 5:1; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:22-25; Philippians 2:12-13

d. Now, can you answer the question James asks in verse 14? Remember, faith is an \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ word.

6. a. Put verses 15-17 in your own words.

 b. What does this say to you personally?

7. a. Should you be impressed if someone says they believe in God……who, also, believes this and trembles?

b. What is wrong with the demons’ belief?

c. How can you avoid having faith like that of the demons?

d. How is it like human faith which does not produce good works?

e. How was Abraham counted righteous? See Genesis 15:6

f. This was later demonstrated by what in Genesis 22:1-18?

g. What did Abraham believe if he was to slay his only son? Hebrews 11:17-19

h. What did God call Abraham? James 2:23

8. a. For clarification, change the word “justified” to the word “proved” in verses 24 and 25.

b. If you were to buy a used car that had been proved, this would mean that the car had been t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

c. How did Rahab prove her faith? See Hebrews 11:31; Joshua 2:1-7; 6:17

Think about Can your faith be tested?