

The Lenses We Wear
James 2:1-13

Certain lenses we wear can change, limit, or enhance our _____. James instructs believers put on the _____ when we look at the world around us.

In 2 Cor. 5, Paul wrote, “we no longer see anyone according to the _____,” that is, we don’t evaluate people or circumstances with the same lenses the person _____ Christ in their lives looks through. James describes a situation in which Christians...church members presumably gathered for worship or fellowship...evaluate and assign value to people who come into their meeting according to the _____ of seeing people.

It is tragic when someone who calls Jesus “Lord” sees people as valuable based on their _____. James calls it _____, judging someone based on what you see with your worldly values.

James says that believers discriminating is _____. He references the Royal Law—love your neighbor as yourself—as the foundational principle that is being _____ when we value people based on what we see. He says that stumbling at this point is as tragic as when a Christian commits _____ or _____. God _____, _____, _____ cares about how we treat each other...how we see each other.

Jesus’ parable of the Sheep and the Goats says that at the judgment, Christ will determine the truly saved by whether they ministered to _____ when He needed it. Those assigned to judgment will say, “We never _____ in need.” Jesus answers, “Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” They _____ looking at outward appearance.

We need to see people like God sees people. God looked past your _____ sin to see your true _____ and sent His Son to die for your salvation. He now asks us to see _____ as He sees _____, looking at the _____ and assigning the value to others that He has assigned to you.