**The Epistle of James**

**Chapter 2**  **Show No Favorites; An Active Faith**

1. Love All God’s Children (1-13)
2. Faith that has No Evidence is Useless (14-26)

Summary

This chapter of James may be the most quoted among Believers; the King James versions that states, “Faith without works is dead,” has been the topic of discussion among theologians and scholars across denominations for generations. Martin Luther argued that grace saves us through faith, and so no work that we do matters. Ohers have offered that the statement means that we must demonstrate our faith for it to be real.

Study Questions

1. How do we reconcile the idea that faith without works is useless with the fact that we are saved by grace through faith? Are these statements contradictory?
2. People who look affluent or who dress well are treated differently and perceived differently, particularly in secular settings. What is an example? Now, thinking about sacred settings, is the same thing true? What is an example?
3. As the brother of Jesus, James may have felt a special calling to teach about favoritism. What is one example of where Jesus showed acceptance for an outcast?

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