

## 5. Loving & Living like Jesus

James 2:1-13

#### 1. Love as Jesus Loved (vs 1-7)

- The way we behave towards others indicates what we really believe about God.
- The problem not with welcoming the rich man but with the heart-motivation behind it
- Still the case today: 'Theological knowledge sometimes wilts in the face of worldly power'.
- Favouring rich over poor sinful and against common sense because:
  - i. Jesus is the Lord of glory (v1)
  - ii. God has chosen the poor (v5)
  - iii. The rich persecute the church (vs 6&7)
- Discrimination against the poor is just an example. Who are you more likely to value less than others?
- The ground is level at the foot of the cross.

#### 2. Live as Jesus Lived (vs 8-13)

- Favouritism is only one way we can break God's law.
- We need to have the same attitude to the law that Jesus had:

#### i. Don't pick and choose (v8-11)

- God's law is like a sheet of glass not a pile of stones.
- Showing favouritism shatters the whole thing.

### ii. Live as if you're free (v12)

- Without Christ the law will lead to either arrogance or despair.
- With Christ we are able to keep obey out of love for Jesus.

#### iii. Live as if you've experienced mercy (v13)

• If we've really experienced Jesus' mercy, we'll show it in how we act towards others.



#### **Notices**

Sunday Evening service at Milford

8pm

Tues Bible Study at Stewart's

8pm

Study I in Wesminster Confession of Faith - pick up a sheet

Fri 25th - Sun 27th - Fellowship weekend

Speaker Rev David McCullough

Sun 27 Bready Praise Service

7<sub>pm</sub>

"Running the Race - how God's song-book keeps us on track."

# Christianity Explored



A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you're interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark

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