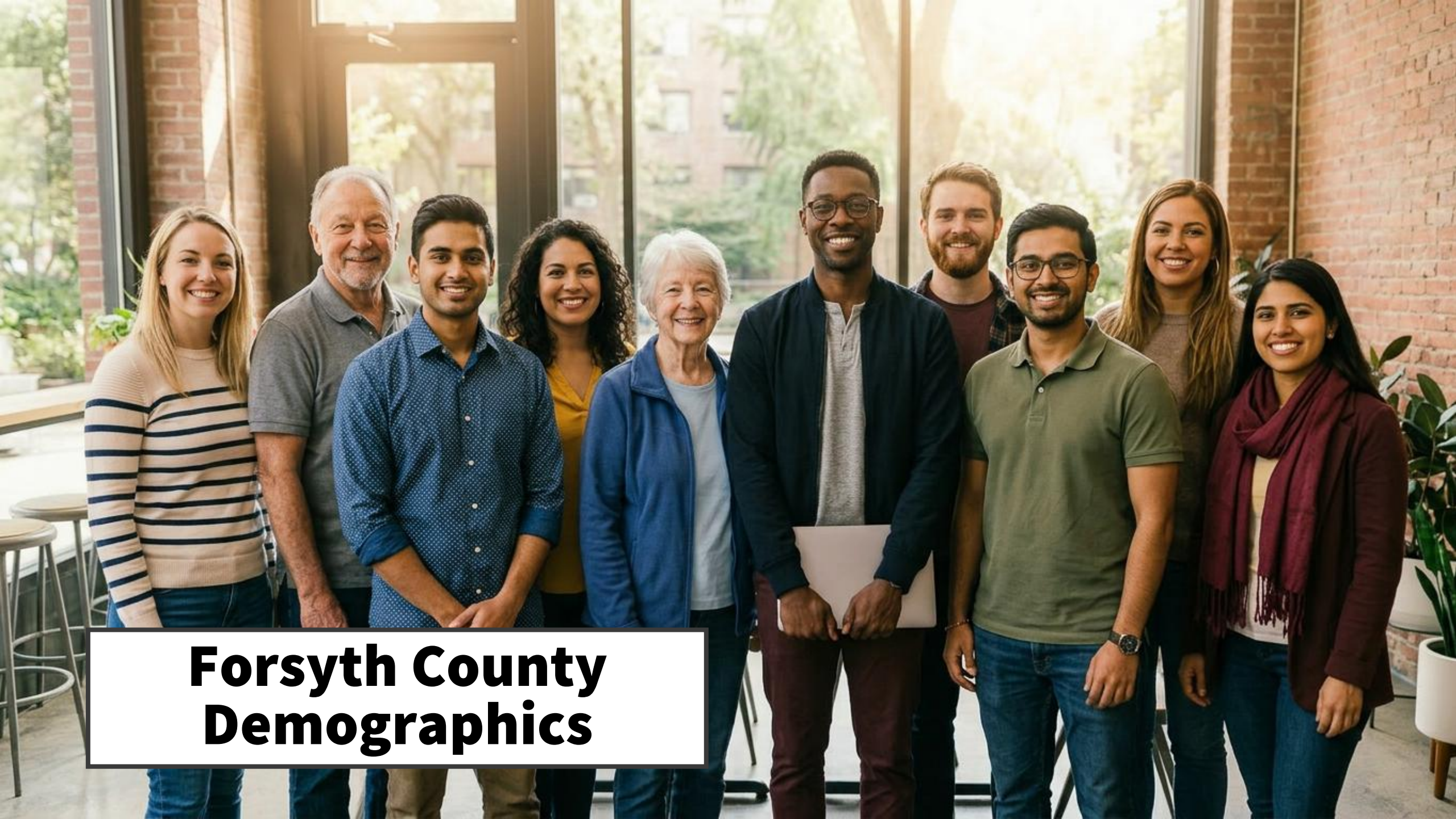




U.S. DEMOGRAPHICS



Forsyth County Demographics

Stereotypes, Prejudice, and **Christ**





The Glory of the Gospel

"...Which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." **- Ephesians 3:5-6**





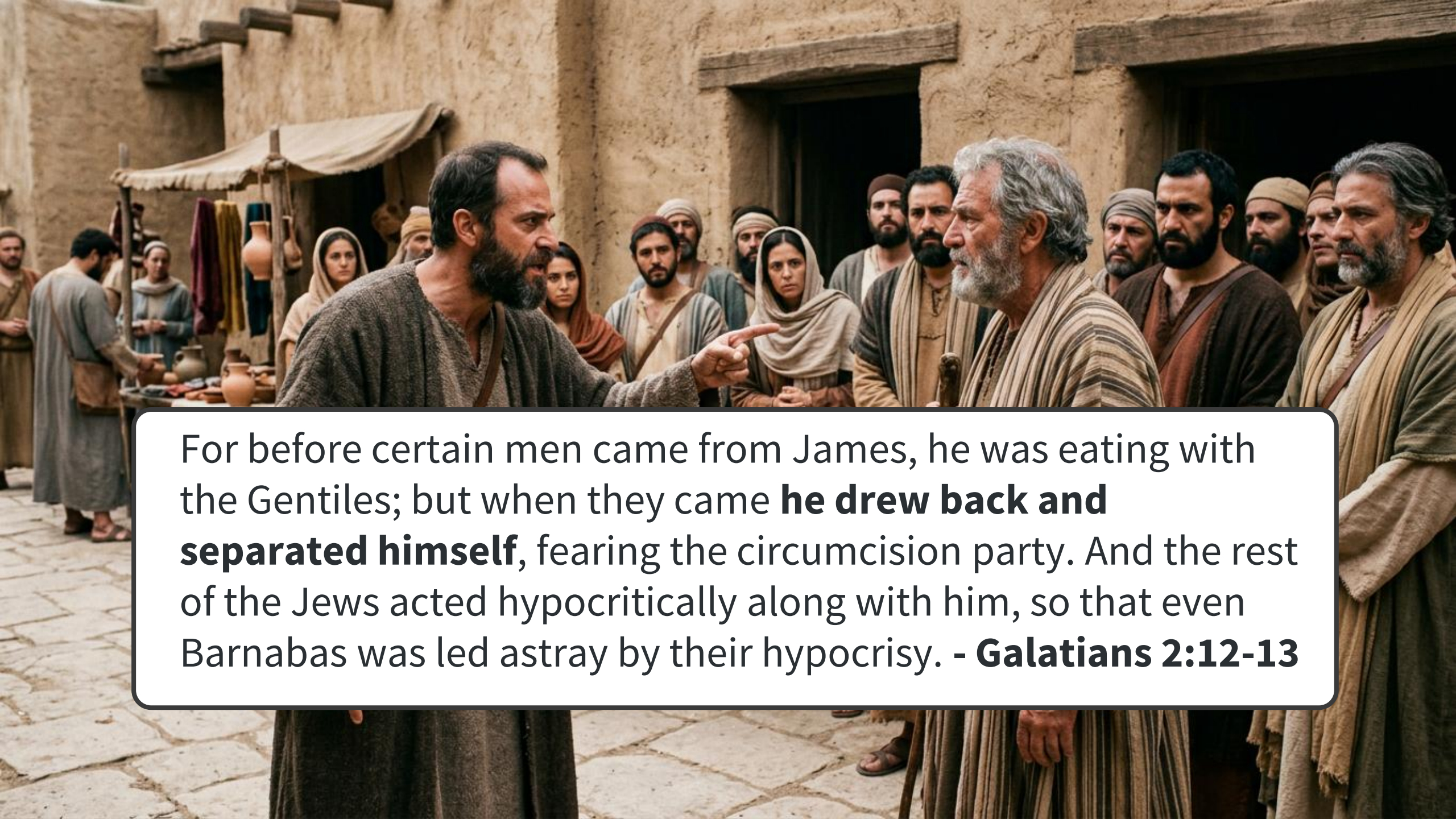
The Glory of the Gospel

“...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **There is neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. **- Galatians 3:26-29**



The Glory of the Gospel

For God shows no partiality. - **Romans 2:11**



For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came **he drew back and separated himself**, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. **- Galatians 2:12-13**

Acts 15:1

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”



Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. **- Colossians 2:16**

Acts 6:1

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.





If we aren’t careful, our differences can continue to cause problems, even for Christians.

James 2:1-5

My brothers, **show no partiality** as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among **yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts**?

James 2:8-10

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. **But if you show partiality, you are committing sin** and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.



- Judging someone in our heart is a sin to God
- It manifests itself in **what we say** and **how we act** toward someone
- Our poor treatment of others **will be given back to us** by God at our own judgment


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What is Prejudice?

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Prejudice refers to **an unreasonable opinion, feeling, or attitude formed about someone or something before having all the facts or actual experience**. It is often rooted in stereotypes, fear, or inflexible generalizations regarding a person's identity, such as their race, gender, religion, or age. Dictionary.com +1

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Q: Is it harmful to “kid around”?

A: What may be harmless and funny to you, may be real and hurtful to someone else.

Our goal is to build people up, not tear people down.

Q: How important is diversity in the church?

A: We are told to go into all the world, and teach every nation of people.

By nature, then, the church will reflect the makeup of the world around us.



Our love should be equally shown to everyone, regardless of the physical things that are different about us.

James 3:9-10

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, **these things ought not to be so.**