

“Mercy Over Judgement”

Sermon

James 2:1-18

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1) James' emphasis on works does not cheapen faith.

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:17

2) Faith always has content.

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

James 2:18

3) We will all be judged, but mercy boasts over judgment.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery... they said to him... “the law of Moses commanded us to stone such women.” ... [Jesus] said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ... But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” *John 8:1-11*

4) God's mercy is the solution for our flawed faith.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

Matthew 5:7

For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.

James 2:13