**Mess and Masterpieces: “Overcoming Favoritism”**

**James 2:1-13**

**May 12, 2019**

**Showing Favoritism:**

**1. It is inconsistent with Christ’s teaching. (vs 1)**

Parables: The Wedding Feast and the Great Banquet

Luke 14:7-24

**2. It is a by-product of selfish motives. (vs 2-3)**

Flattery

Gossip

**3. It results from evil thoughts. (vs 2-4)**

Rom. 2:11

Eph. 6:9

Col. 3:25

**4. It insults people made in God’s image. (vs 5-6)**

**5. It goes against the biblical definition of love. (vs 5-8)**

The Royal Law of Love:

1. This love belongs to the King.

2. Only the King’s people can live it out.

3. This is the king of all other laws.

“I decide what love is!”

**6. It is sin. (vs 9-11)**

**7. It shows a lack of mercy to those less fortunate. (12-13)**

**8. It is hypocritical. (vs 12-13)**