

**The Book of James: Living Authentically
“Playing Favorites”
James 2:1-13 (CSB)**

- 1. The ground is level at the foot of the cross.** (James 2:1 CSB; Romans 2:11 CSB)

The Bible teaches us four crucial facts about people:

- All people are equally created in God’s image. (Genesis 1:26–27)
- All are loved by God. (John 3:16)
- All are tainted by sin. (Romans 3:23)
- All can be redeemed. (Revelation 22:17)

The Church is an ***alternate society*** where everyone is ***level*** and everyone is ***loved***. (James 2:8 CSB)

- 2. Choose mercy over judgment.** (James 2:13 CSB)

Mercy is genuine compassion put into action.

How are we going to be known for our acts of mercy?

Micah 6:8b (NIV) And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.