

## **THE GIFT OF GRACE**

### **James 2: 1**

James reminds the believer that faith is a gift. Some translations may read, "faith IN the Lord Jesus Christ." Brethren, faith and righteousness are gifts freely given to whomsoever God chooses by, from, and to the glory of God through the FAITH OF CHRIST, OF GLORY (Rom 11: 36; Romans 3:21, 22.) Through the gospel, the righteousness of God is revealed from the faith OF Christ, to the believer through the gift of faith (Romans 1:17). Believer's are justified by the faith OF the Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have peace with God (Romans 5:1). By Christ Jesus, also, those he justified and reconciled to God are given faith by which we have access into this grace of God's full satisfaction, wherein all that is left for us to do is stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:2; Galatians 2:16.) This has everything to do with a respect of persons! God is no respecter of persons. Brethren, God did not choose us and give us faith, repentance, justification, and righteousness from our Lord Jesus Christ of glory because he respected our person. Every good and perfect gift of God is a gift of his own will freely given to whomsoever he chooses by his grace (Ephesians 2: 8, 9; Romans 9:11, 15; Hosea 14:4; Romans 3:24). Now that, my friends, will constrain you to know no man after the flesh.