

Classisms

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- What are -isms?
- Classism
 - Prejudice against people belonging to a particular social class.
- Elitism
 - Belief or attitude that a select group with certain qualities (wealth, intellect, race) are more likely to be constructive to society
- Why the need to be aware these?

Classism

- Is this a new problem in modern society?
- Is it a unique issue ?
- Are you guilty of classism?



James 2:1-4, 7-9

- **2** My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.

³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,”

⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

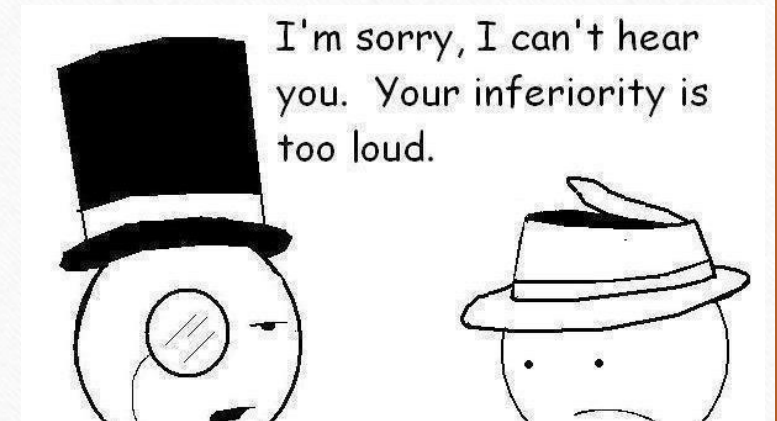
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- ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

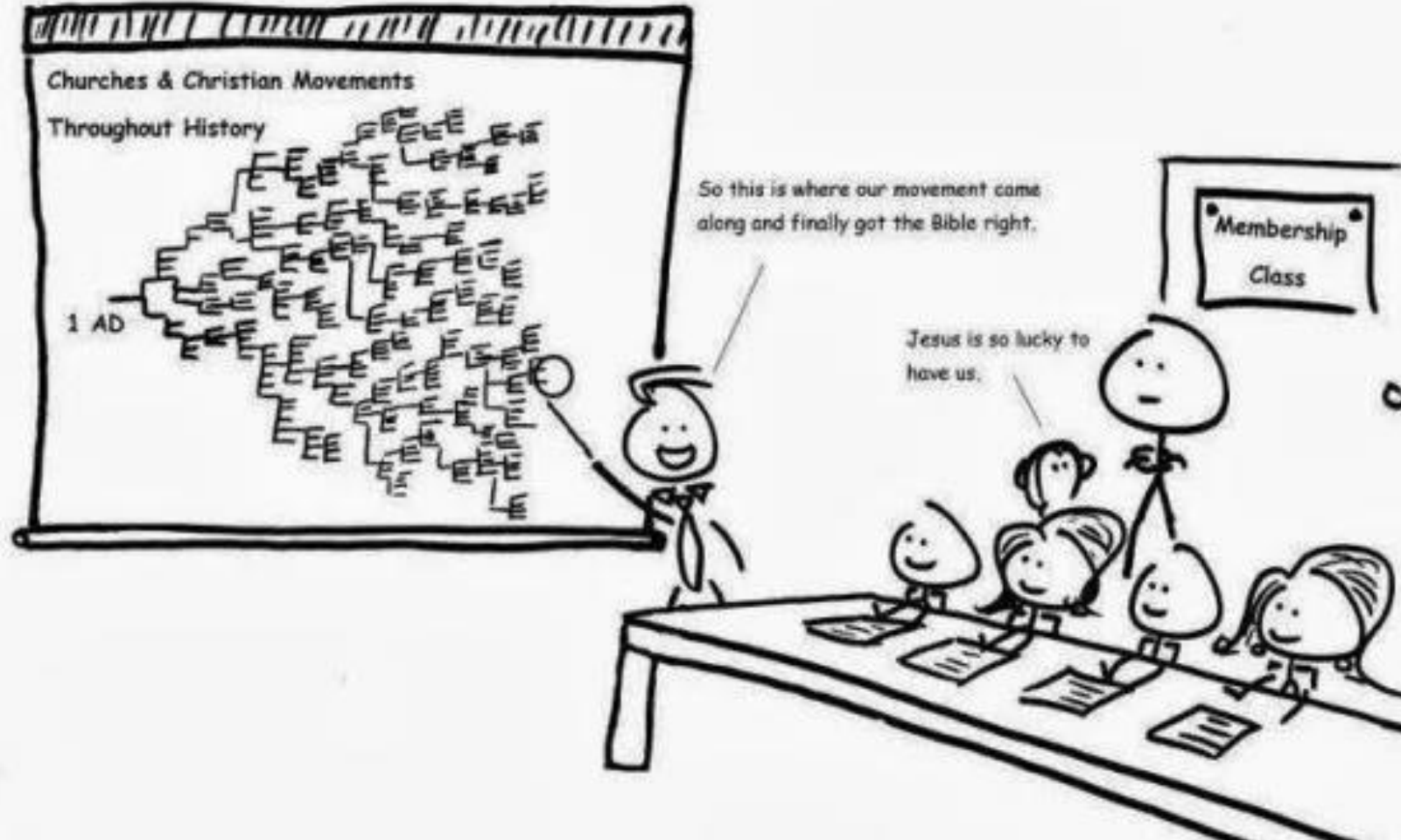
1 Cor. 1:18

- ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Elitism

- For me.... Closely related to Classism. Yet so different.
- What are the dangers of Elitism.
- The Elite vs Gods elect. (Matt. 24:24,31; Rom. 8:33)
- Chosen. (John 3:16)



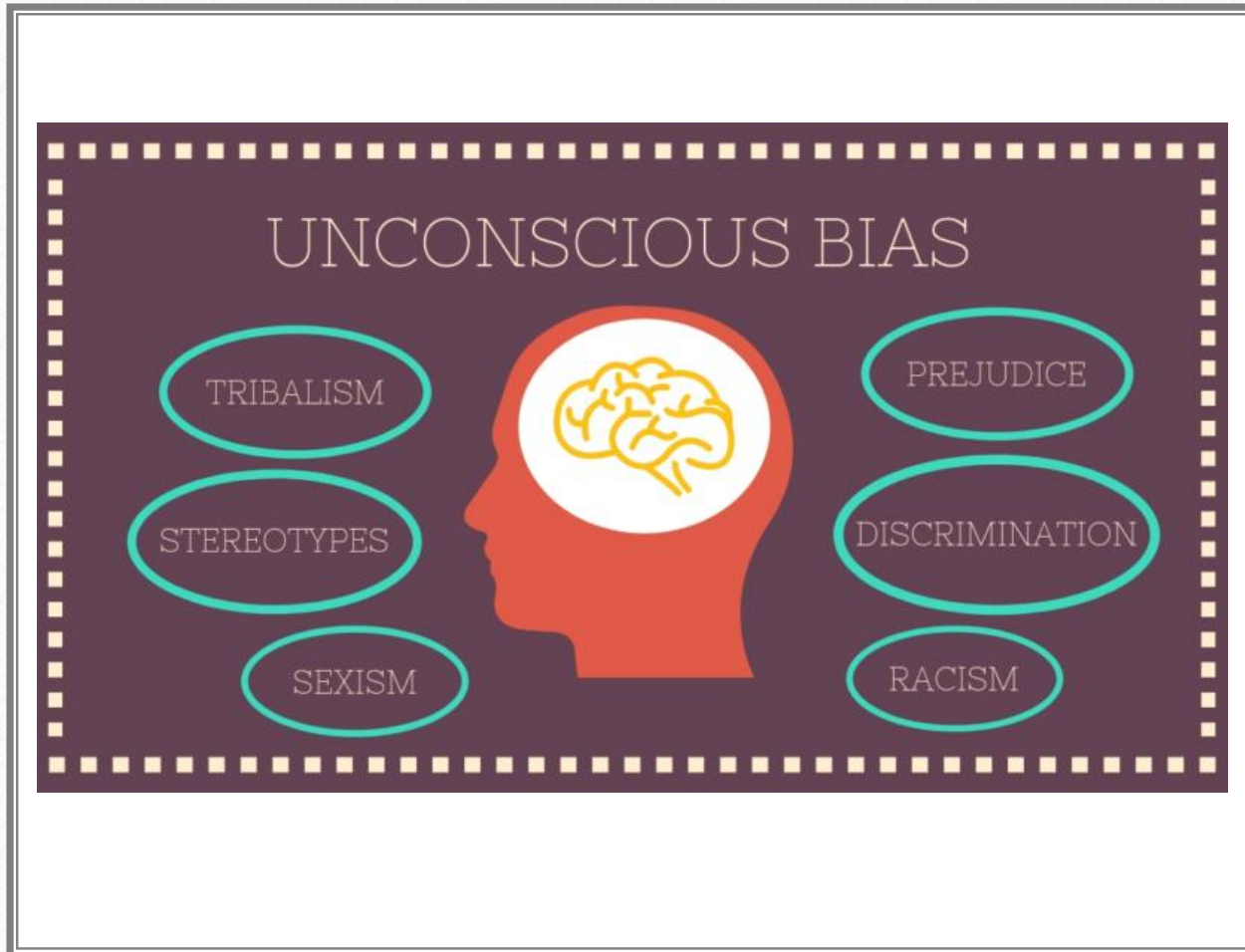




- Christian or Spiritual Elitism.
- Why did the religious leaders feel threatened by Jesus ? Did they feel he was wrong ?
- **Mark 2:17.** "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
- What then is the mandate of the church?

Unconscious Bias

- Learned stereotype, automatic, unintentional, deeply ingrained, universal and able to influence behaviour.





So what is the challenge?

- How do we change the ills of our society?
- WDJJ?

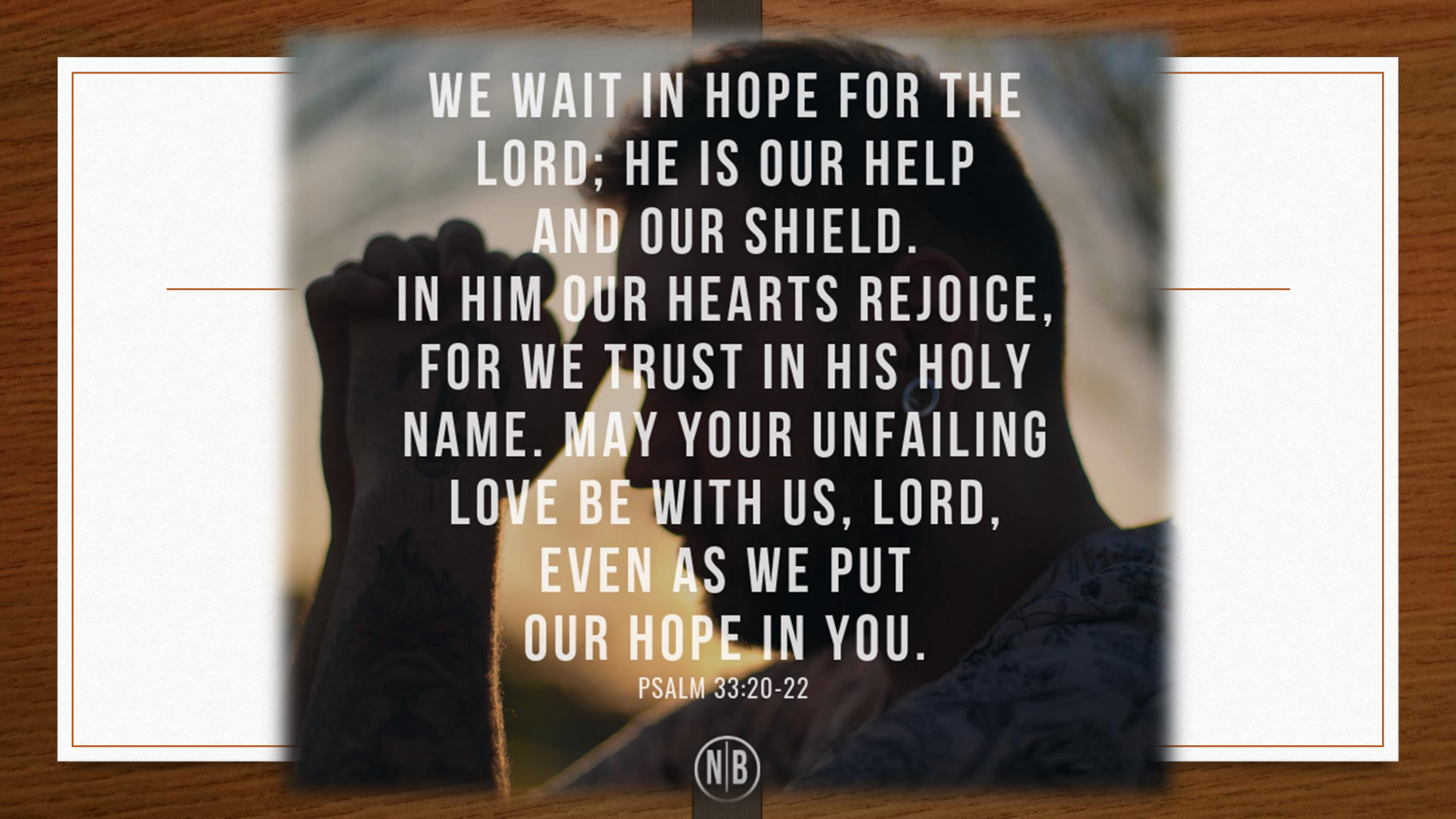
Is there hope for us ?

- Oneness with the Father.
- Compassion.
- Rejection.
- Favoritisms (Acts 10:34, Rom. 2:11)



Conclusion ?



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**WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE
LORD; HE IS OUR HELP
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IN HIM OUR HEARTS REJOICE,
FOR WE TRUST IN HIS HOLY
NAME. MAY YOUR UNFAILING
LOVE BE WITH US, LORD,
EVEN AS WE PUT
OUR HOPE IN YOU.**

PSALM 33:20-22

