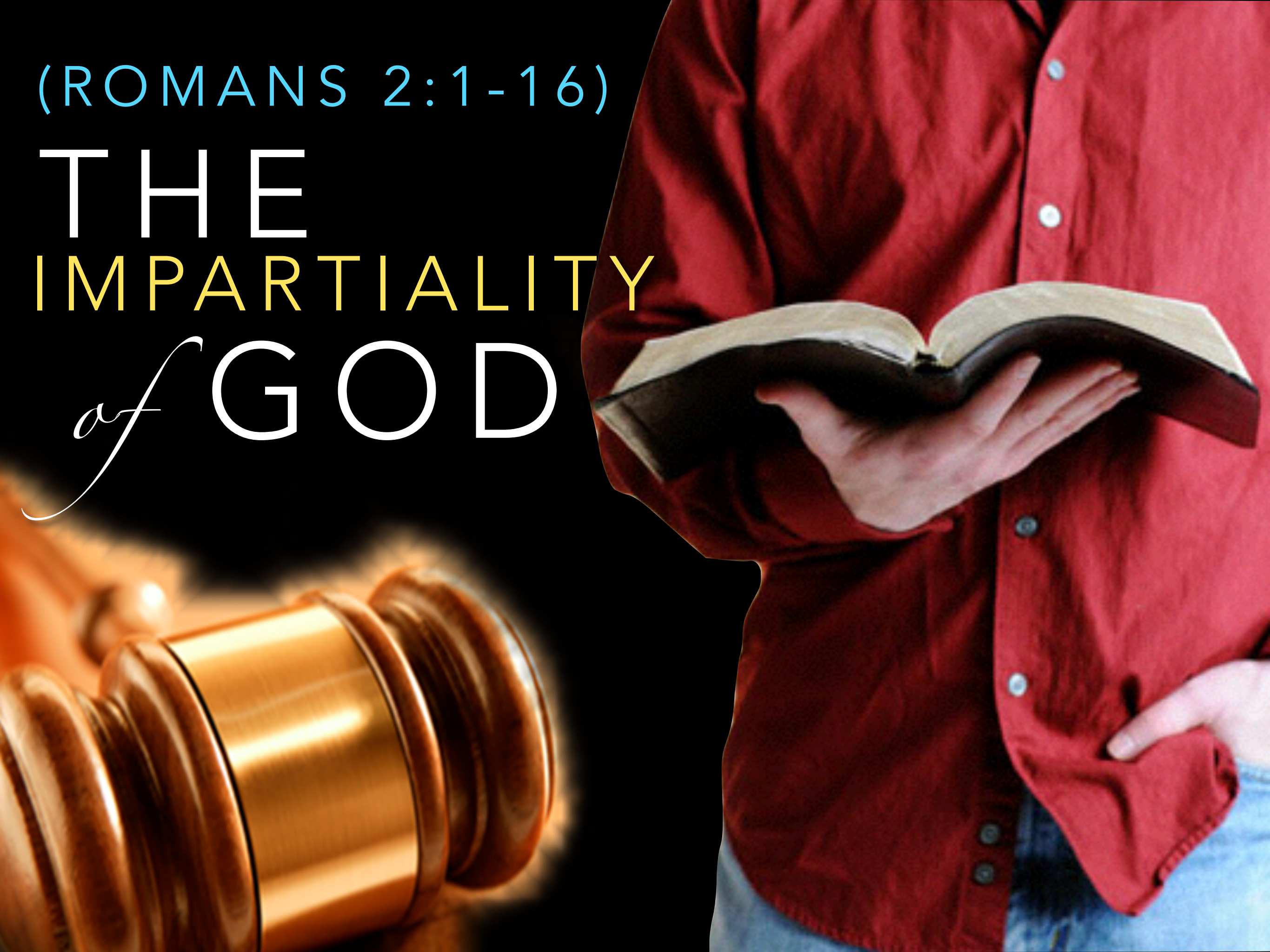


(ROMANS 2:1-16)

# THE IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD Provision of Salvation

## EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

Acts 10:34-35 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that **God shows no partiality.**

<sup>35</sup> But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation** EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

Job 34:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Yet He is **not partial** to princes, Nor does  
He regard the rich more than the poor;

For they *are* all the  
work of His hands.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation**

## EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

2 Chronicles 19:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Now therefore, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take care and do *it*,

for there is **no iniquity**  
with the Lord our God,  
**no partiality, nor taking**  
**of bribes.”**





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation** EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

Galatians 2:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> But from those who seemed to be something—  
whatever they were, it makes no difference to me;

God shows personal  
favoritism to no man—  
for those who seemed *to*  
*be something* added  
nothing to me.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation** EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

1 Peter 1:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who **without partiality** judges according to each one's work,

conduct yourselves  
throughout the time of  
your stay here in fear;





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation** EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

Colossians 3:24–25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

<sup>25</sup> But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and **there is no partiality**. (*cf Eph 5:9*)





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **Provision of Salvation** EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT

Romans 2:9–11 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD God No Respector of Persons THERE IS NO PARTIALITY

*prosopolempsia* ... (προσωποληψία, 4382) denotes “respect of persons, partiality” ... the fault of one who, when responsible to give judgment, has respect to the position, rank, popularity, or circumstances of men, instead of their intrinsic conditions, preferring the rich and powerful to those who are not so, *Rom.*

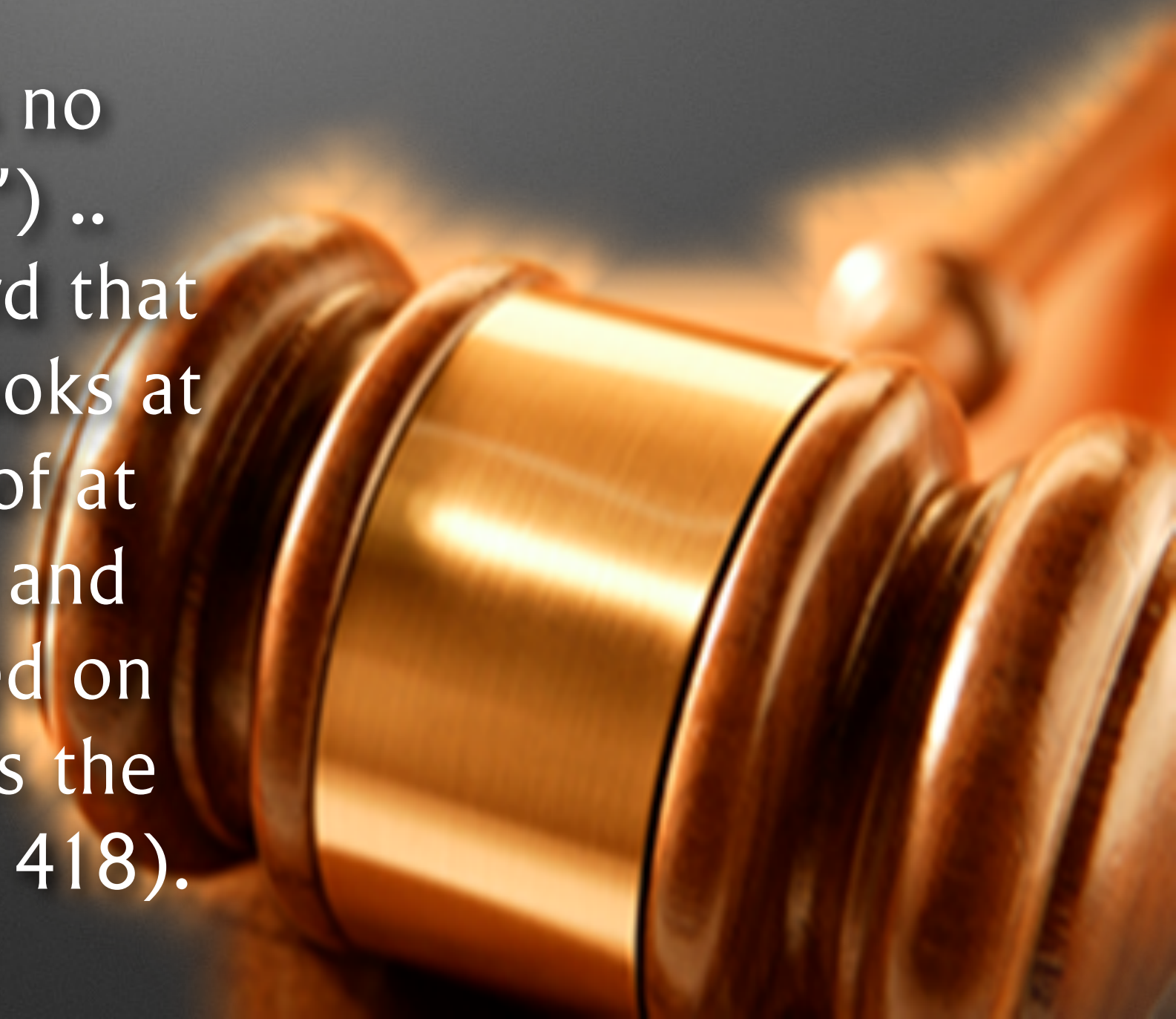
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# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **God No Respector of Persons** THERE IS NO PARTIALITY

Acts 10:34 (“God is no  
respector of persons”) ..  
“prosopolemptes, a word that  
refers to a judge who looks at  
a man’s face instead of at  
the facts of the case, and  
makes a decision based on  
whether or not he likes the  
man” (Lenski, 1961, p. 418).





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **God No Respector of Persons** THERE IS NO PARTIALITY

Any human judge  
might show undue  
favor to a plaintiff or  
a defendant because  
of familial relations,  
private friendship,  
bribery, rank, power,  
or political affiliation.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **God No Respector of Persons** THERE IS NO PARTIALITY

God, the perfect  
Judge, cannot be  
tempted by any of  
the things that might  
tempt a human  
judge to show unfair  
partiality.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## God No Respector of Persons

### WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN

That God cannot  
choose people  
and nations to  
accomplish His  
specific  
purposes

Noah - Gen 6

Abraham - Gen 12

Isaac - Gen 17:19

Jacob - Rom 9:10-13

Israel - Rom 9:1-9

Jeremiah - Jer 1:4,5

Paul - Acts 9:15



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## God No Respector of Persons

### WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN

God's choices of individual people & nations were not due to partiality, but His desire to save all men - Acts 9:15; 17:26-31; Rom 9:4,6,25-29

Noah - Gen 6

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Paul - Acts 9:15




# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD God No Respector of Persons WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN

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- God's love extended to all men - but few will receive it - John 3:16; Titus 2:11,12; Mat 7:13,14; 2 Pet 3:9
  - God does not hear sinners - but always hears His children - John 9:31; Acts 10:1-4; 1 John 5:14,15




# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD **God No Respector of Persons** WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN

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- Material or physical blessings are not equally given to all - Phil 4:12,13; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Luke 16:19-31; Job
  - Everyone does not receive the same opportunities to hear the gospel - Rom 1:19-21; Col. 1:5,23; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 17:26,27



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD God No Respector of Persons WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN


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- That there are no distinctions in roles & functions - Eph 5:22-24,33; 1 Cor 14:34; 2 Tim 2:11-15
  - That we all have the same abilities, opportunities & responsibilities in service - Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:14-30



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

GOD HAS CONCLUDED ALL UNDER SIN

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- Every Accountable Individual Who Has Sinned Stands Guilty Before God – (Is 59:1,2; Rom 3:9,10)
  - Who Has NOT Sinned? – (Rom 3:23; 1 John 1:10)
  - God will NOT arbitrarily save some and then condemn others!! (Ez 18:19-32; Mt 11:28-30)



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

GOD REDEMPTIVELY LOVES ALL MEN

- God so loved the world – (John 3:16; 6:33)
- Jesus tasted "death for every man," – (Heb 2:9)
- "Jesus is" the propitiation for the sins of the whole world," – (1 John 2:2)





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

GOD REDEMPTIVELY LOVES ALL MEN

Titus 2:11–12 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation  
has appeared to all men,

<sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying  
ungodliness and worldly  
lusts, we should live  
soberly, righteously, and  
godly in the present age,





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

GOD REDEMPTIVELY LOVES ALL MEN

1 Timothy 2:4

(NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> who desires all  
men to be saved  
and to come to the  
knowledge of the  
truth.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

GOD REDEMPTIVELY LOVES ALL MEN

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,

not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.






# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## God No Respector of Persons

PROVIDED ONE WAY OF SALVATION FOR ALL

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- “. . . for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” – (John 8:24)
  - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” - (Acts 4:12)
  - ‘Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ - (John 14:6)



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## God No Respector of Persons

PROVIDED ONE WAY OF SALVATION FOR ALL

➤ God does NOT save one person one way and another person in some other way - (Rom 1:16,17)

- **Hear** – (Rom 10:17)
- **Believe** – (John 8:24)
- **Confess** – (Rom 10:9,10)
- **Repent** – (Acts 17:30)
- **Be baptized into Christ** – (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;
- **Continue in the faith** – (1 Cor 15:58; 2 Peter 1:5-10)





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

**THERE IS ONE CHURCH FOR ALL**

- Jesus promised to build “His church” – (Mat 16:18; Acts 2:47)
- Jesus shed His blood for His church – (Acts 20:28)
- Jesus is the head of His church – (Eph 5:22,23; 4:4)
- Jesus adds all the saved to His church – (Acts 2:47)
- Jesus is NOT divided!! – (1 Cor 1:10-13)






# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

**THERE IS ONE STANDARD FOR ALL**

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- The doctrine of Christ – (Mat 28:18-20; Heb 1:1,2; 2 Jn 1:9,10)
  - All MUST be done in the name of Christ – (Col 3:17)
  - God does not give you a message – me a different message – and someone else another message – (1 Pet 4:11)
  - Those who make their own standard will be condemned – (2 John 1:9; Mat 15:9; Gal 1:6-9; Rev 22:18,19)



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Hebrews 9:27

(NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> And as it is  
appointed for men  
to die once, but  
after this the  
judgment,





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

**Romans 14:10-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> . . . For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For it is written:

*"As I live, says the Lord,  
Every knee shall bow to Me,  
And every tongue shall confess  
to God."* <sup>12</sup> So then each of  
us shall give account of  
himself to God.





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; . . .





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ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

**John 12:48-50 (NKJV)**

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day . . . <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

**Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name,





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)  
22 "... and done many  
wonders in Your  
name?' 23 And then I  
will declare to them, 'I  
never knew you;  
depart from Me, you  
who practice  
lawlessness!'





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

## 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, . . .



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Romans 2:1–16 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Romans 2:1–16 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>

But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”:



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Romans 2:1–16 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — indignation and wrath, <sup>9</sup> tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup>

For there is no partiality with God.



# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

ALL WILL BE JUDGED BY SAME STANDARD

Men may be  
biased – swayed  
by wealth,  
popularity, power,  
status, familial  
relations , etc . . .

God IS NOT!!





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

**God No Respector of Persons**

NOR CAN WE BE A RESPECTER OF PERSONS

Deuteronomy 1:17

“You shall not show  
partiality in judgment; you  
shall hear the small as  
well as the great.”

James 2:9

“But if you show  
partiality, you commit sin,  
and are convicted by the  
law as transgressors”





# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## **God No Respector of Persons**

THE SAME INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL

Revelation 22:17 (NKJV)  
17 And the Spirit and the  
bride say, "Come!" And  
let him who hears say,  
"Come!" And let him  
who thirsts come.

Whoever desires, let  
him take the water of  
life freely.






# *The* IMPARTIALITY *of* GOD

## **Romans 10:12-13**

FOR THERE IS NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN JEW AND GREEK, FOR THE SAME LORD OVER ALL IS RICH TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM. FOR "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

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- **Hear** – (Rom 10:17)
  - **Believe** – (John 8:24)
  - **Confess** – (Rom 10:9,10)
  - **Repent** – (Acts 17:30)
  - **Be baptized into Christ** – (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;
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## 2 CORINTHIANS 10:14-11:4 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ;

<sup>15</sup> not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,