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## **NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS**

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(James 2:1) "My brethren, do **not** hold (me echo/ p.a.impv.2pl) [stop or don't] your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude (en+inst.pl.f) of personal favoritism (prosopolempsia) (compound Greek word/ prosopon lambano) [to accept someone face to face favorably/ partiality]."

However, in our lesson text, it is used with the negative command (me/ NOT) – "Don't be a Respecter of Persons!"

# In this lesson, we will study three aspects of NO Respecter of Persons.

It was part of ancient custom when greeting someone to raise their face to show a personal favorable reception of the person.

### 1. God is no respecter of persons.

(Rom.2:11) "For there is no partiality with God." (Deut.10:17).

(Act 10:34-35 "Opening his mouth, Peter said: 'I most certainly understand now that **God is not one to show partiality,** but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him." [Conversion of Cornelius]

(Acts 10:28) "And he said to them, 'You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and **yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.**" (Acts 11:9-10)

(Acts 11:17-18) "Therefore if God gave them the same gift as He gave us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, 'Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

#### 2. Because God is no respecter of persons, He treats all unbelievers in Adam alike without partiality.

**SEE:** (13 judicial charges of Adam's original sin)

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as **in Adam all die**, so also in Christ all will be made alive."

(Rom.5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and **death through sin**, and so **death spread to all men**, because all have sinned." (Rom.5:12-21)

(John 5:24) "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and <u>believes Him who sent Me</u>, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has **passed out of death into life**." (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

#### 3. Because God is no respecter of persons, He treats all believers in Christ alike without partiality.

**SEE:** (50 Things FREE), that every church age believer receives in salvation that he can never lose in time or eternity.

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."

### God has respect for the redemptive work of His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ.

(Heb.9:12b) "But through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, **having obtained eternal redemption**."

(Eph.1:7-8) "In Him we have <u>redemption through His blood</u>, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the <u>riches of His grace</u>, <u>which He lavished upon us</u>."

(Heb.10:14) "For <u>by one offering</u> **He has perfected (teleioo/ perf.a.ind.3ps) for all time** <u>those who are sanctified (hagiazo/ p.p.ptc.aplm)</u>." (Positional Sanctification)

(Gal.3:28) "There is <u>neither Jew nor Greek</u>, <u>there is neither slave nor free</u>, <u>there is neither male nor female</u>, for you are all one in Christ Jesus)."

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