

**Classless**  
**December 17, 2017**

Galatians 3:28-9

Acts 10:34-43

Why in the world did Jesus come?

Jesus came to create a society with boundaries, without divisions, and without labels.

Principle:

Equity of People

The NT trumpets the equality of all people, including:

1) Gender:

Galatians 3:28-9

Acts 1:12-14, 9:36, 16:14, 18:24-26, 21:7-9, 16:1-16: Female influencers in the church

2) Race

Romans 10:12

Acts 10:34-43

3) Economic Status

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1:26-31

Jesus' Example:

Jesus constantly associates with groups considered lower-class or unlovable

1) Jesus Associated with Women:

Luke 8:43-8 – Bleeding Woman

2) Jesus Associated with Samaritans:

John 4 – Well of Sychar

3) Jesus Associated with the Poor:

Matthew 11:5 – Ministry was Focused on the Poor

Jesus Frequently Associates with People of Low Socio-Economic Status

Three Principles:

1) Jesus Comes to Teach Us that All People are Worthy of Love, Respect, and Dignity

2) The NT Affirms that the Early Church's Primary Membership Was Among the Poor and Outcast.

3) If We Wish to Accurately Display Jesus in Our World, Our Hearts Should Be Bent Towards the Poor and Outcast

What Do We Do?

1) Give Generously, whether Time, Talents, or Treasure, to Help Organizations That Prioritize Ministry to the Poor and Down-trodden

2) Pray and Ask God to Change Our Eyes and Hearts to See People as He Sees Them

3) Build Friendships with Those in Your School and Workplace Who are Marginalized

4) Change the Way You Speak About Those Different Than Yourself

**Bible Reading: Galatians 3: 28-4: 9**

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave<sup>[a]</sup> nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything,

<sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

<sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principle of the world.

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.

<sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

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