





James 2:1-10

Favoritism violates the most essential core value of a gospel-centered church.





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Background: Paul is writing against false teachers called Judaizers.



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- 3. The Gospel is for all people.



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<u>Unity</u> – We all share an identity in the family of God.



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Galatians 3:29

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Colossians 3:9-11

"9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all."



1. Sonship lifts all of us to a position of honor.



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 Sonship humbles us.



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"Blessed are you O God, King of the Universe, Who has not made me a Gentile, <u>a slave</u>...



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- 2. Diversity within God's family is beautiful and powerful



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