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- ⁶ Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
- ⁷ To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:
- ⁸ But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
- ⁹ Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
- ¹⁰ But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
- ¹¹ *For there is no respect of persons with God.*

Respect Of Persons...

προσωποληψία (L T Tr WH -λημψία [see M, μ]), -ας, ἡ, (a Hellenistic formation; [see προσωπολήπτης]), *respect of persons* (Vulg. *personarum acceptio*), *partiality*, the fault of one who when called on to requite or to give judgment has respect to the outward circumstances of men and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high-born, or powerful, to another who is destitute of such gifts: Ro. ii. 11; Eph. vi. 9; Col. iii. 25; plur. (which relates to the various occasions and instances in which this fault shows itself [cf. W. 176 (166); B. § 123, 2, 2]), Jas. ii. 1. (Eccles. writ.)*

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- Old Testament:
 - “...In your seed will all the nations of the earth be blessed...” (Gen. 22:18)
 - 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: (Deut. 10:17)
 - 19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands. (Job. 34:19)

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- New Testament:

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Rom. 1:16)
- 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (Rom. 10:12)
- 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning [here] in fear: (1 Pet. 1:17)

Teachings That Would Make God A Respector Of Persons

- **Unconditional Election:** “By the decree of God...some men and angels are predestined unto everlasting life, and others foreordained to everlasting death....”
 - 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish,** but that all should come to repentance. (II Pet. 3:9)
 - 4 **Who will have all men to be saved,** and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (I Tim. 2:4)

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- **Limited Atonement:** The false doctrine that claims the death of Jesus was only for those whom God had already unconditionally elected and did not die for all men.
 - “Who were included in the atonement? The answer is that Christ died only for the elect, that is, for those whom God has chosen from eternity and sovereignly and whom He gave to Christ.”
 - 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. (Heb. 2:9; cf. Titus 2:11-12)
 - 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 Jn. 2:1-2)

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- ***Irresistible Grace:*** The erroneous notion that the Holy Spirit operates supernaturally on the heart of one whom God has already unconditionally elected to be saved in order that they might believe.
 - A misconception of grace – God's unmerited favor.
 - How does the Bible teach that faith is produced?
 - 17 So then *faith cometh by hearing* and hearing by the word of God. (Rom. 10:17)
 - 8 And *many of the Corinthians hearing, believed* and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)
 - 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, *and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth* and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mk. 16:15-16; cf. Acts 16:11-15; Lk. 8:11-12)

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- God has decreed that all who sin are condemned and in need of salvation. (Rom. 3:23; Act 2:23, 36)
- God desires the salvation of all. (Ezek. 33:11; II Pet. 3:9)
- God made all in His image, capable and responsible for choice. (Josh. 24:15; Matt. 23:37)
- God has provided one Redeemer for the whole world. (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- God has revealed one saving message – the gospel – for all the world. (Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:6-9)
- God has given to all the same conditions for salvation. (Acts 15:9,11; 10:48; 11:17)
- God will judge all men. (Rom. 14:12; II Cor. 5:10)
- God will render righteous judgment to all. (Rom. 2:5-11)