

Tuesday, February 14 2017 - Defining Equality

The Nike Corporation has decided that they are the arbitrators as it relates to determining equality. They have taken it upon themselves to hire "celebrities" to chastise those who promote a belief in God and His word by stating regardless of what lifestyle one chooses, all lifestyles are equal. They do not read the same Bible I do.

God has defined equality for mankind both physically and spiritually. Physically, we are all equal from the perspective that we come from the lineage of Noah and Adam. Regardless of your gender or ethnicity, God made us in His image and our genealogy reaches back through to the same roots. Spiritually, we are either God's through our obedience to His commands provided for us in the New Testament or we are Satan's. There is NO OTHER OPTION!

Spiritually, we are equal since we all have access to God through the one path made available to us; Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:26-28 states, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Historically, we understand that the Jews considered themselves better than the Gentiles, and the Gentiles looked down upon the Jews. However, Paul taught that when one becomes a Christian, he is equal with other children of God in the sight of God. The physical distinctions may still remain; however, in the spiritual sense Christians are equal in the sight of God. All Christians stand before God on the same footing when they have obeyed the gospel of Christ. Being a son of God, in the Christian age, has nothing to do with race or lineage.

How are we made a "son of God?" In Gal. 3:26 Paul asserted that the Galatian brethren are indeed at that moment "sons of God through faith," but then declared in Gal. 3:27 that they became "sons" when they were baptized. Sonship comes by belief in Jesus and obedience to his will. When one obeys the gospel, he is added to the family of God and becomes a child of God (Acts 2:41, 46). God's Word is true (John 17:17) and he cannot lie to us (Heb. 6:18). First, 2 Tim. 2:10 informs us exactly where salvation is found -- "in Christ Jesus." Second, we are told that "if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Several verses remind us that the "old man" must be put away and that the "new man" must be put on (Col. 3:9-10; Eph. 4:24). This is not a one-time action but a manner of life originating with our obedience to the Gospel. Third, the inspired Word is absolutely clear regarding the point at which the old man of the world becomes a new man in Christ, and it also vividly portrays baptism as the culminating act that accomplishes such.

All men sin according to the scripture; therefore all men require the same remedy for reconciliation to God. The ability to know God's will for us (through His word), the ability to understand it, and the ability to be obedient to it can be attained by any man if they are willing to submit their will to the Father. The world has tried to define "equality" for mankind. Christians know that equality which matters has been defined by the Father.