

God Is Impartial

Some religious people teach that God will save only a group whom they call the *elect*. According to this teaching, God predestined this group to be saved and all others will be lost. The Bible teaches just the opposite to this view in Acts 10:24-35: “34 And Peter opened his mouth and said, ‘Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness, is acceptable to him.’” God is impartial.

First, God is impartial because He desires the salvation of every responsible human being. Paul wrote of “our Saviour who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:3-4).” Peter taught, “The Lord . . . is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).” God does not force salvation on anyone. God draws sinners through teaching: “No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him. . . It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that has heard from the Father, and has learned, comes unto me (John 6:44-45).” Those who receive and obey the teaching of God, obtain salvation: “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that hears, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life . . . (Rev 22:17).” God saves all who obey His will.

Second, God is impartial in that He has one church to which He adds all the saved (Eph. 4:4; Acts 2:47). The Lord did not establish one church for one group of us and another church for another group. Instead, he ordained that he “might reconcile them both [Jew and Gentile] in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.” Both Jew and Gentile includes all people of every nation (Mark. 16:15). The Lord commanded all nations, Jew and Gentile, to submit to baptism (Mark 16:16). Paul wrote, “For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks (1 Cor. 12:13).” God adds every saved person to the church (Acts 2:47).

Finally, God is impartial in that He has one plan of worship for His people to follow. All Christians are to meet on the first day of the week to take the Lord’s Supper and to give as God has prospered us (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). When Christians meet, they are to sing, pray and continue “steadfast in the apostles’ teaching” (Eph. 5:19; Acts 2:42). Jesus said that “the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers (John 4:23).”