

We are all sinners. We are all condemned by God's perfect law. God's law cannot save us. It is a mirror to show us our need of a Savior. There is only One who can save us, the Lord Jesus Christ. He died on the cross to redeem us from the curse of the law. Jesus *"bore our sins in His own body on the tree"* (1 Peter 2:24). *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus is our life-giving substitute. *"Jesus said . . . , I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"* (John 11:25, 26).

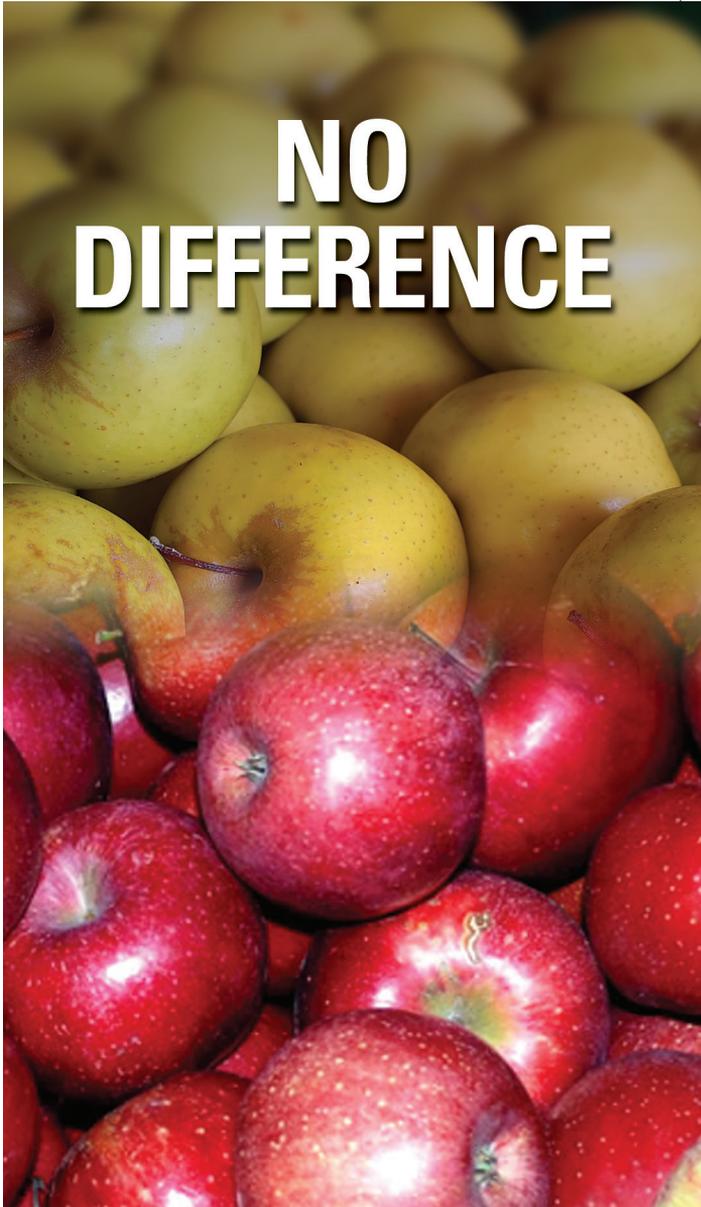
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NO DIFFERENCE

If you want to know what all men are by nature read Romans 3:22, 23. ***“There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*** If you want to know what God is by nature read Revelation 15:4, *“Thou only art holy.”*

The Bible says, ***“There is no difference.”*** All are sinners. A sinner is a person who has broken the law. Every law has a penalty. God’s law also has a penalty. *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”* (Ezekiel 18:4).

A man asked Jesus, *“Which is the great commandment in the law?”* Jesus replied, *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”* (Matthew 22:36, 37). It is the spirit and intent of the heart that counts. God’s ten commandments are not 10 different laws. They are one law. If you have broken one of the ten commandments you have broken all of them. You are guilty in the eyes of an infinitely holy God. *“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all”* (James 2:10).

God is perfect. He could give us nothing less than a perfect law. The fault does not lie with God but with you. You say, “I am not as bad as a lot of people.” God says, ***“There is***

no difference.” Here are two apple trees. One tree has 500 bad apples, the other only 5 bad apples. So what! Both trees are bad. Both produce only bad apples.

A preacher talked to a man in prison. The man tried to justify himself. He said, “You talk to me as if I were the worst man on earth. I only killed one man but the guy in the next cell killed six men!” People try to justify themselves by measuring their deeds with the deeds of others. ***“There is no difference.”***

The problem lies with man’s heart. The Bible says, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked”* (Jeremiah 17:9). Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the inside.

God’s law is a mirror. When you look into God’s law, you see how black and wicked you are. In our outward appearance we are all different. Some are tall, others are short. Some are rich, others are poor. Some are handsome, others are homely. Some are black, others are white. But in the eyes of God, ***“There is no difference.”*** All have broken God’s law. When God comes to judge the world there will be no difference. The rich and poor, small and great will be judged alike. God *“commandeth all men every where to repent”* (Acts 17:30b).