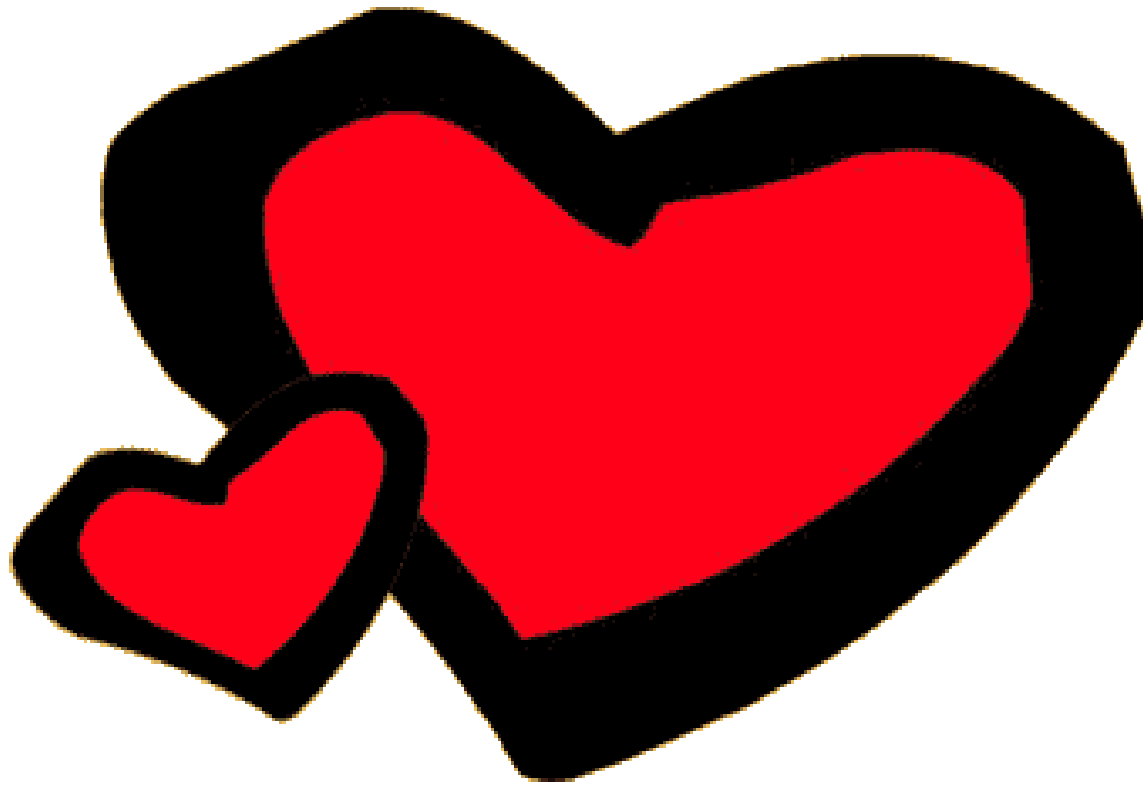




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Psalm 139:14 NKJV

¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.



Titus 2:14 NKJV

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself ***His own special people, zealous for good works.***



1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



Hebrews 2:7 NKJV

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, *And set him over the works of Your hands.*



Hebrews 2:8 NKJV

⁸ *You have put all things in subjection under his feet.*" For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is not put under him*. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.



Matthew 3:9 NLT

“Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, **God can create children of Abraham from these very stones.**”



John 8:39 NLT

“Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, **If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.**”



THE
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

Chapter 10

Genesis 4:7 (NKJV)

7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."



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Chapter 10

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a **devout man** and one who **feared God** with all his household, who **gave alms** generously to the people, and **prayed to God always**.



Acts 10:1-3

²² And they said, “Cornelius *the* centurion, **a just man, one who fears God** and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.”



Acts 10:22-23

AND WHAT DOES
THE LORD
REQUIRE OF YOU?

TO ACT JUSTLY
TO LOVE MERCY
TO WALK HUMBLLY

WITH YOUR GOD.

MICAH 6:8

Acts 10:3-4 NKJV

³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

... "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.



⁹ The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰ Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

Acts 10:9-11 (NKJV)

³⁹ And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.



Leviticus 11:39

Acts 10:23 NKJV

²³ Then he invited them in and lodged *them*. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.



Acts 10:15-16 NKJV

¹⁵ And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

¹⁶ **This was done three times.** And the object was taken up into heaven again.



³ So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”



Acts 10:33

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said:
**“In truth I perceive that God shows no
partiality. 35** But in every nation whoever
fears Him and works righteousness is
accepted by Him.”



Acts 10:34-35

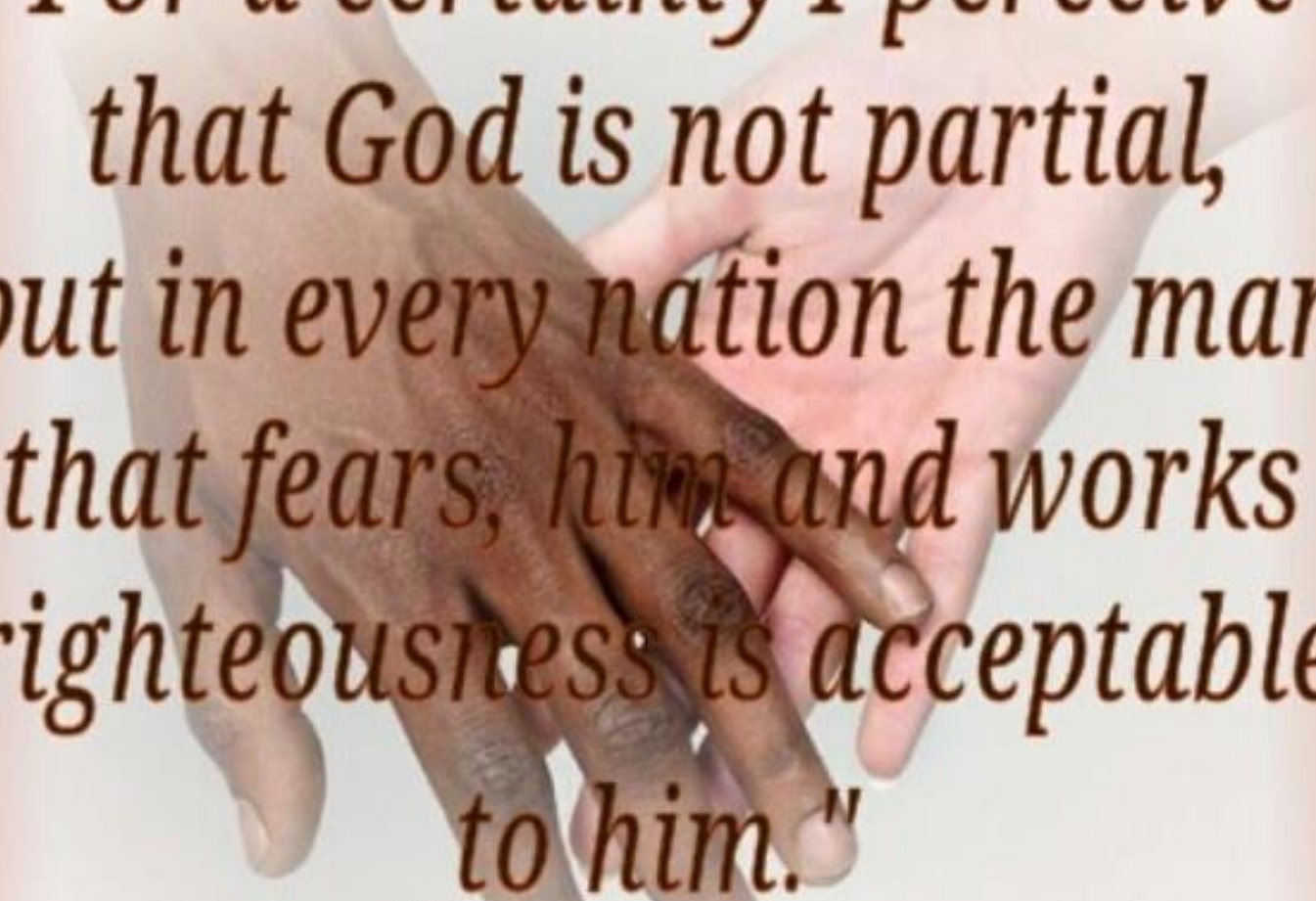
³⁸ how God anointed **Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰ Him **God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, from the dead.**

Acts 10:38-40

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.** ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.** ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Acts 10:44-46



*"For a certainty I perceive
that God is not partial,
but in every nation the man
that fears, him and works
righteousness is acceptable
to him."*

Acts 10:34b,35

Acts 11:1-3 NKJV

¹ Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, **those of the circumcision contended with him,** ³ saying, "You went in to **uncircumcised men and ate with them!**"



Exclusive vs. Inclusive

It matter's to God!

Psalm 139:14 NKJV

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Hebrews 2:7 NKJV

⁷ *You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.*

Matthew 10:30 NKJV

³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Luke 12:6 NKJV

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God.



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sexual immorality, impurity,
sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife,
jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions,
divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and
things like these...**



Galatians 5:19-21 ESV


³ Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

⁴ Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.



Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

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The Gospel Demands Unity

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- ◆ **Jesus willed it and prayed for it -** (John 17:20-21)
- ◆ **Paul commanded it in the name of Christ -** (I Cor.1:10)
- ◆ **We are to endeavor to keep the “unity of the Spirit” -** is not produced by accident, but only through hard work and humility (Ephesians 4:1-6)





DIVISIVENESS

JOHN 17

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WHAT DID JESUS PRAY?



John 17:15 NKJV

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

JOHN 17

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John 17:15 NKJV

“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one,
even as we are one.”

JOHN 17

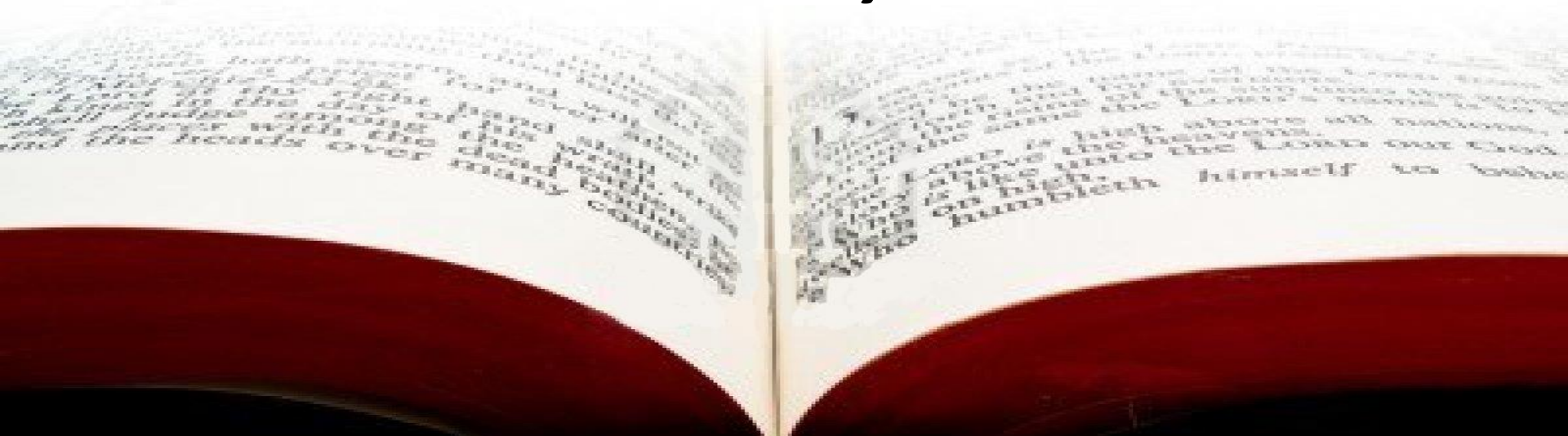
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John 17:20-21 NKJV

²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You;



that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”



John 17:20-23ESV

GOD'S AGENTS OF GOOD





Titus 2:14

**(14) who gave Himself for us
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for Himself a people for
His own possession,
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Bless the Lord,
O my soul
O my soul
Worship His
Holy name

