

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE

Text: Acts 15:8-9

INTRO: Humans may differ from one another in many different ways, but the things which they have in common are far more important than their differences. Their physical needs & spiritual needs are basically the same, no matter what their social standing, their ethnic background, or their national origin.

I. THERE IS NO REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE BEGINNING OF PHYSICAL LIFE.

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."
(Gen. 4:2).

A. Some may be conceived accidentally, some well-planned, some in answer to prayer -- but the same natural laws are involved in each case.

B. Even in the cases of artificial insemination, test-tube babies, etc., the same natural laws must be utilized.

C. If human cloning ever becomes a reality, even that will be accomplished in harmony with the laws that God set in order at the time of creation. If clones have souls, Jesus will be willing to save them. If they seem to have souls, gospel preachers will be willing to preach to them.

II. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE REACH PHYSICAL MATURITY. We eat, we drink, we exercise, we grow.

III. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE FACT OF SIN IN OUR LIVES. Rom. 3:23. Rom. 6:23

IV. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE FACT THAT GOD LOVES EACH OF US. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8

V. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE CONDITIONS OF

FORGIVENESS.

- A. For the alien sinner. H-B-R-C-B
- B. For the erring Christian. R-C

VI. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE FACT THAT WE WILL DIE A PHYSICAL DEATH. Heb. 9:27

VII. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THAT ALL WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
(John 5:28-29)

VIII. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE FACT THAT ALL WILL BE JUDGED.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (Rom. 14:10-12)

IX. THERE IS ONE ULTIMATE DIFFERENCE.

A. Some will go to heaven and some will go to hell. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels... (MT 25:34, 41)

B. The primary difference will not be that some sinned & the others did not; not that some sinned BIG sins & the others "little" sins; not that some committed MANY sins, the others only a few. The difference will be that some obeyed the conditions of forgiveness...

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