

Galatians 3:28 "Now, in Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek. There is no difference between slaves and free men. There is no difference between male and female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus."

Watch out if you're wearing red!

How would you feel if I said: "OK, now before we start, I find it only fair to warn you I am going to be watching those of you with red shirts extra carefully. I think the red shirted people cause most of the problems here in children's church. So, if you are wearing a red shirt, you are pretty much already in trouble."

Now wasn't that ridiculous? Picking on people just because of the color of their shirts? That's exactly how ridiculous it is to not love someone because they speak a different language, or eat different foods than you or have a different skin or hair color.

I don't know about you, but I for one am happy God doesn't show favoritism. I haven't always been #1 in everything I do. I haven't always been the best in school or on the baseball team, and sometimes I was disappointed that I didn't come in first place, but with God we don't have to worry about that. There is no first place. There is no last place. We are all equal. And we are all equally loved.

God loves everyone equally, with a deep, everlasting love.

God loves us so much it's hard to comprehend. (Read Romans 8: 31-38). That's a lot of love! And to think, God loves each of us equally. God loves each and every person in this world with that same deep, everlasting love.

Prejudice

Prejudice is something that has existed since the beginning of time. The Egyptians didn't like the Hebrews, they thought the Hebrews weren't as good as they were, so they made the Hebrews their slaves.

The Romans thought they were better than everyone else, so they treated everyone else badly and unfairly. Taking people's homes and money, making slaves of whoever they chose.

Earlier in this country, some people thought those with dark skin weren't as good as those with light skin, so they made the dark skinned people slaves.

In Germany, the Nazis thought everyone should have blonde hair and blue eyes and they especially hated anyone who was Jewish, so they decided they would get rid of anyone who didn't meet their standards.

Even as recently as 40 years ago in this country, people didn't think those with dark skin should sit in the front seats on the bus, or drink from the same drinking fountains as those with lighter skin.

We need to keep on reminding ourselves that people come with many shades of skin and hair, live in different ways, eat different foods, speak different languages. In God's eyes we are all people who God loves and cares for, even if we don't always love and care for each other.

Pray

Dear Jesus, I thank You that You love everyone. I thank You that You see what is inside of us. Please help us to love each other too.