

## NO RESPECT OF PERSONS

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34-35). Peter made this statement in connection with the conversion of Cornelius. The gospel of Christ is the same for every person on earth. When John condemned Herod for all the evil he had done which included the unlawful relationship between him and his brother Philip's wife it so infuriated Herodias that she would eventually ask for the head of John (Matthew 14:8-10; Luke 3:18-20). We learn some valuable lessons for this tragedy. (1) No one lives above the law of God. Regardless of how powerful some may be in this world they still will be judged by God's word (John 12:48). (2) Getting mad at the messenger doesn't change the message. God's word will remain. (3) Just being sorry for some action on our part doesn't correct the problem. Herod was sorry he made such a promise to Herodias' daughter which resulted in John's death (Matthew 14:9) but that didn't mean he was forgiven. It seems there are many today who are sorry they got caught but there is no evidence of the fruit of repentance (Luke 3:8). None of us live outside or above God's law. The answer to our sin problem and its guilt is only found in Christ Jesus. He died to bring hope to a world lost in sin (Romans 3). True peace comes by faith through baptism into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). The same gospel applies to all.

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