

# Make No Distinction

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## Big Idea: God is Making a New People from All People.

### I. Unclean People are Cleansed by Jesus.

#### 1. Apart from Christ, All People are Unclean.

**Romans 3:9-11** | 9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

#### 2. If in Christ, All People are Cleansed.

**Acts 15:8-9** | 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

**1 John 1:7-9** | 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### 3. Within Christ's Church, All People are Meaningful.

## II. Risen People Rise to Follow Jesus.

### 1. New Life Testifies about Christ's Resurrection.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23** | 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

### 2. Baptism Illustrates Christ's Resurrection.

**Romans 3:29-30** | 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

**Romans 6:3-5** | 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### 3. Obedience Multiplies Christ's Resurrection.

## Benediction

**1 Peter 2:9-10** | 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.