

Are All People Equal?

I. Introduction:

A. The term equal is defined as: “ (1): of the same measure, quantity, amount, or number as another. (2): identical in mathematical value or logical denotation : EQUIVALENT b: like in quality, nature, or status. c: like for each member of a group, class, or society. provide equal employment opportunities 2: regarding or affecting all objects in the same way : IMPARTIAL. 3: free from extremes: such as a: tranquil in mind or mood. b: not showing variation in appearance, structure, or proportion. 4a: capable of meeting the requirements of a situation or a task b: SUITABLE...” (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/equal>).

B. **We have to be careful** as religious bodies makes this debate, and others like it, about faith. It is really a political, philosophical, and worldly debate.

1. We can't jump into these things (**II Timothy 2:4**).

2. If we do, what we are really trying to do will get choked (**Mark 4:18-19**).

C. So there is NO confusion, let me specify some things I am NOT saying...

1. I am not saying we should be a respecter of persons (**Proverbs 22:2** and **James 2:8-13**).

2. I am not saying one race of people is greater than another (**Acts 17:24-30** and **James 3:9-10**).

3. I am not saying we do not have the same hope and opportunity of eternal life (**Acts 10:34-35** and **I Timothy 2:1-5**).

4. I am not saying we are not able to be united in Christ (**Galatians 3:26-29** and **Colossians 3:10-15**).

II. Body: No, We Are Not All Equal, Like Each Member, Etc. (**I Corinthians 12:14-31**).

A. God Did NOT Create Us To Be Equal (**Genesis 2:18-25** and **I Corinthians 11:7-9**).

1. The home (**Ephesians 5:22-6:4**).

2. The church (**I Peter 5:1-4**).

3. The government (**I Peter 2:13-16**).

B. It is UNSCRIPTURAL to say we are equal in measure and nature (**Romans 12:1-5**).

1. We are not equal in measure [size; amount; capacity; what is expected; etc.] (**Luke 12:42-48** and **II Corinthians 10:12-18**).

2. We are not naturally equal (**Genesis 1:27**, **Jeremiah 1:5**, **Matthew 19:12**, and **I Corinthians 9:19-22**).

3. Nor are opportunities equal (**II Chronicles 23:1-3**).

C. It is UNSCRIPTURAL to say all people are/were equal in status and equally capable of meeting tasks (**Matthew 25:14-30** and **Acts 9:10-15**).

1. What about Solomon (**I Kings 4:29-31**)?

2. Some are naturally wiser [skilled] than others (**Romans 1:14**).

D. If we think the way we should, it shouldn't matter to us at all if someone is greater than us (**Luke 22:24-30**).

1. It's not about who has more authority, etc. We are supposed to submit one to another in the fear of God (**Ephesians 5:21**).
2. Proper humility is about subjecting ourselves to one another (**I Peter 5:6-7**).

III. Conclusion: Don't get caught up in the doctrines of our society wherein they unscripturally and illogically try to convince us that we are all equal. Rather, use your God given different abilities to do YOUR best (**I Peter 4:9-11**).