



# *New Life Riders*

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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Dear Friends,

The weather has been perfect for riding, enjoying the sunshine and the cool breezes on our faces. It also provided a pleasant atmosphere to do some cleaning and sorting out our garages. I must admit I didn't take advantage of that aspect the good weather. However, over the past few weeks, a couple of our New Life Riders families have had yard sales. It is amazing how many t-shirts were bought and sold!

Seeing all those shirts really got me thinking about the various shirts we encounter especially at biking events. There are the ones that denote one's club or ministry affiliation and some display the locations the rider has visited. We see riders sporting shirts that definitely express their opinions or show the charity event or rides where they have participated.

A few weeks ago, Kathy and I saw a fellow wearing a shirt that stated, "Jesus loves you, but I'm His favorite." The statement was catchy and even a bit amusing. However, it is just not theologically sound. The Apostle Peter said, "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism." (Acts 10:34, NIV) In the King James Version, it reads "God is no respecter of persons."

"Respect" has always been a significant issue in the biking community. We bikers often sign our letters to each other, "Peace and Respect," "Love and respect" and so forth.

In a recent conversation, a truly sincere individual told me he didn't like God because God doesn't respect people. I was really curious how he came up with that idea so I just listened as he explained. It seems he had been reading the Bible and had come across a couple of verses he thought would substantiate his opinion. He quoted Acts 10:34 and Romans 2:11 "For there is no respect of persons with God." I explained that the wording was a bit archaic in the translation he was using. In the present day language, it really means. "God doesn't show partiality." Acts 10: 34,35 reads, "Now I am certain God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships Him and does right, no matter where they come from." (Contemporary English Version) and Romans 2:11 "God judges everyone by the same standard." (Good News Bible)

The really good news is that God doesn't mark on a curve. Although we have ALL sinned and fallen short of God's glory, (Romans 3:23) Jesus died that we might come into right standing with God through Him. No matter what we have done, He is willing to receive us. Dear friends, remember the ground is level at the foot of the cross! We used to sing a little chorus, "There's room at the cross for you. Though millions have come, there is still room for one! There is room at the cross for you!"

If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart and life, today would be a perfect time. Remember, unlike the saying on the t-shirt I mentioned, "Jesus loves you, but I'm His favorite" God doesn't show partiality.

The New Life Riders look forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on Friday, September 4th at 6:30 P.M. at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located at the corner of High School Road and US 36, Indianapolis. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him. We update the New Life Riders website [www.newliferiders.com](http://www.newliferiders.com) frequently. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Remember, if because of time or distance, you are unable to attend the listed activities, and you know of one closer to your home, go and share the love of Jesus. Be a blessing!

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!

God bless  
Riding with Jesus,  
Bob Dillon