

## God Sees Everyone The Same

### Description

Galatians 3:23-29

Amanda Berry Smith worked her fingers to the bone, washing clothes by hand and keeping other people's houses clean. Her husband was killed in the American Civil War, and she raised their five children on her meager income. Hardship was nothing new to her; born into slavery in 1837.

Every Sunday, her father read to his family from the Bible. The Bible nurtured Amanda's heart into a calling to preach the good news when she was 30 years old.

Amanda began preaching at Wesleyan-Holiness camp meetings across the United States before going to England, India, and western Africa to preach the gospel and serve the poor. She returned to the United States preaching, including filling the pulpit at a Methodist church led by Phineas Bresee in 1891. She spent her last years raising funds to start an orphanage near Chicago for African-American children abandoned and "friendless."

The apostle Paul knew the good news abolishes social barriers that seek to keep people from knowing the fullness of the life Jesus promises.

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