

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Gospel and Human Dignity”**

**“Countdown America: 58 Days of Prayer & Fasting” – Pt. 4**

Genesis 1:27 and Selected

### **The Gospel and Human Dignity...**

#### **I. Is founded upon the divine equality bestowed upon mankind at creation!**

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”* Genesis 1:27

#### **II. Understands we all have our place in the family tree!**

*“These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.”* Genesis 10:32

*“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.”* Acts 17:26

#### **III. Demands reconciliation by all into the family of God!**

See Ephesians 2:11-22

*“We who worship God in a new way, as the third race, are Christians.”* Clement of Alexandria

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28*

#### **IV. Demands the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ take the lead and not be silent!**

See 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Jesus said, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39*

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8*

#### **V. Demands forgiveness be extended so that healing may come!**

*Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:43-45*

*“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15*