

RECONCILING RACISM

Face it Dude, You're Skewed!: Part 7

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WHY GOD HATES RACIAL PREJUDICE

1. PREJUDICE REJECTS GOD'S WISDOM.

"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." (Acts 17:26, NIV84)

2. PREJUDICE REVEALS MY IGNORANCE.

"But the wisdom from above is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy." (James 3:17, GNB)

3. PREJUDICE IS ROOTED IN SIN.

"Fear the LORD and judge with integrity, for the LORD our God does not tolerate perverted justice, partiality, or the taking of bribes." (2 Chronicles 19:7, NLT)

"But if you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker." (James 2:9, GNB)

RACISM IS A SIN PROBLEM, NOT A SKIN PROBLEM.

"Who says you are better than others? What do you have that was not given to you? And if it was given to you, why do you brag as if you did not receive it as a gift?" (1 Corinthians 4:7, NCV)

"So why do you judge your brothers or sisters...And why do you think you are better than they are? We will all stand before God to be judged," (Romans 14:10, NCV)

3 WAYS TO IMPROVE MY RACIAL RELATIONS

1. WE MUST LOOK RIGHTLY.

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”” (1 Samuel 16:7, NLT)

“Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.” (John 7:24, NIV)

“Peter addressed them, “You know, I’m sure that this is highly irregular. Jews just don’t do this—visit and relax with people of another race. But God has just shown me that no race is better than any other.” (Acts 10:28, The Message)

“Peter then said: Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from.” (Acts 10:34–35, CEV)

“My brothers and sisters...you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance.” (James 2:1, GNB)

2. WE MUST LOVE REDEEMINGLY.

“The man answered, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”” (Luke 10:27, NLT)

“This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.” (John 15:12, NLT)

GOD’S PLAN TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IS THE CHURCH!

“Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit...All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:13,27, NLT)

“God’s grace has been revealed to save the whole human race;” (Titus 2:11, NJB)

“In this new life one’s nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.” (Colossians 3:11, The Living Bible)

3. WE MUST LISTEN RESPECTFULLY.

“Show respect for everyone.” (1 Peter 2:17a, The Living Bible)

“Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.” (Proverbs 18:13, NLT)

“Listen before you answer. If you don’t you are being stupid and insulting.” (Proverbs 18:13, GNB)

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.” (James 1:19–20, NLT)

ACTION STEP
COMMUNITY FORUM – THURSDAY @ 7PM!