

 Confronting the Sin of Racism**Scripture Focus:**

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.” — *Acts 17:26 (NIV)*

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.” — *1 John 2:9 (NIV)*

Main Idea:

Racism is not just a cultural or social issue—it is a spiritual offense that denies the truth of God’s creation and the message of the gospel.

1. Racism Is Built on Reduction

At its root, racism thrives on devaluing others to elevate oneself. It’s fueled by pride, fear, and insecurity, not truth. But God’s kingdom calls for reconciliation, not reduction.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” — *Philippians 2:3 (NIV)*

2. Racism Questions the Character of God

To believe one race is superior is to accuse God of partiality and injustice. Yet Scripture affirms:

“God does not show favoritism.” — *Romans 2:11 (NIV)*

Every person bears God’s image—equal in worth, value, and dignity.

3. Racism Hinders God’s Work

Racism breeds division, and division resists the Spirit of God. It weakens the Church’s witness and silences the power of love that should define us.

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.” — *1 John 4:20 (NIV)*

Reflection Questions:

- Am I harboring prejudice in my heart—subtle or obvious?
- Do I truly value people who differ from me?
- Am I standing up for unity and justice, or staying silent?

Racism is not just a topic for discussion—it's a sin to repent of. God calls His people to walk in love, truth, and justice, reflecting His beautiful diversity.

Prayer:

Father, I acknowledge that racism is sin against You and Your image in others. Search my heart and reveal any prejudice within me. Help me to see others as You see them. Heal our land, purify Your Church, and make us instruments of unity, love, and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.