

**The Path to Peace
Ephesians 2:11-18**

Introduction: There is a prevailing pernicious ideology that has perpetrated the church that in protection of the truth must be addressed. This false ideology is known most commonly by the name of Critical Race Theory or CRT it includes within its teachings buzzwords such as social justice, intersectionality, wokeness, white privilege and systemic racism. This ideology is not just anti-biblical, it is anti-God and has no place whatsoever in the church, yet many within the church have embraced it. Men and institutions such as Matt Chandler, Tim Keller, David Platt, Mark Dever, Ligon Duncan, Phil Vischer, The Southern Baptist Convention, 9 Marks, The Gospel Coalition, and Together 4 the Gospel. This ideology has been called “the most subtle and dangerous threat... to the real message of gospel reconciliation” (John MacArthur). James Lindsay, an atheist, recognizes this when he states “If I...wanted to destroy the church... I’d make ‘em woke!” Our passage in Ephesians 2 addresses this very issue.

I. In Christ distinctions are removed not amplified

II. In Christ barriers are broken down not erected

III. In Christ reconciliation is provided for not ridiculed

IV. In Christ peace is possible not impossible

Conclusion: Racism is a sin problem not a skin problem, it is a mankind problem not a white man only problem. The solution is not never ending training, reparations or equity of outcome. The only solution to be found is found in the gospel of reconciling. The path to peace is only found in Christ. May we continue to be the ministers of that peace as we remain true to the truth of God’s Word as we seek to live “soberly, and justly, and godly in this world.” (Titus 2:12)

Questions for discussion/application

- Why do you believe that so many within the church have caved into the ideology of CRT?
- What do you believe is the cause of such a lack of discernment in the church today?
- How can this lack of discernment be corrected?
- How can and should we minister in a culture that sees us and the message we have been given as one of the the greatest threats and greatest evils?
- Is racism and injustice a real problem in the church today? How can and should we address and correct such problems?