

Sent But Not Appreciated

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Racism and White Supremacy is A Part of Every Aspect of the American Life

- Police Brutality. George Floyd, Kenneth Ross Jr. and Breonna Taylor
- White Supremacy led to the lynching of Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, GA at the hands of Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael and William “Roddie” Bryan
- In Rome, GA there was a white supremacist rally in April of this year
- COVID-19 disproportionately infecting and killing black and brown Americans
- Economic disparity has been difficult for everyone, but it has most rocked the African American and Latino community.
- 40% of Black Owned Business are Expected to Close due to COVID-19
- Political we are split across racial categories

Christian Responsibility in the World
1 Peter 2:12

Isaiah 6:1-8

First Quote

Suffering is Not the End. Rather, it is the Beginning of a New Assignment.

The scene of Isaiah 6 is set with trauma. King Uzziah had been king for 52 years. Isaiah new him. He was grieving. Israel was grieving.

Points

Do not mistake what you experiencing as a lack of an opportunity. Do not mistake hardship as sign of God abandoning His people. Do not mistake suffering as a sign that you are not in His favor.

Philippians 3:10, “I want **to know** Christ-yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his **sufferings**, becoming like him in his death.”

Second Quote
Being Sent Does Not =Acceptance

Isaiah had a radical encounter. With a radical God. That led to a radical faith.

Racial Faith is not Popular. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed for having radical faith.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was killed in a Nazi prison for having radical faith.

Combating racism and white supremacy takes a radical, uncompromising and unpopular conviction that is dependent on the

Isaiah 6:9, “Go and tell this people; ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

Third Quote
Being Sent Does Mean=God’s Provision

Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

What is justice? What is loving mercy? What is walking humbly with God?