

...When Racism Rises

Where Is God? | Part 8 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

What God Says About Confronting The Sin Of Racism

1. Racism is really a DIRECT ASSAULT ON GOD HIMSELF.

Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. **Genesis 9:6, NIV**

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**

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” **Matthew 25:45, NIV**

See everyone as having INTRINSIC GOD-GIVEN VALUE.

2. Never respond to racism by STOOPING DOWN TO IT.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **James 1:19-20, NIV**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:21, NIV**

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. **Romans 12:19, NIV**

Treat all people in all situations by the GOLDEN RULE.

3. Recognize the tension between TODAY & TOMORROW.

“This is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’” **Matthew 6:9-10, NIV**

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. **Matthew 24:12, NIV**
(see 2 Timothy 3:1-5)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33, NIV**

There are human LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN CHANGE.

4. The Church must MODEL RACIAL UNITY for the world.

Remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

Ephesians 2:11-14, NIV

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16, NIV

Let's be THE CHURCH and let's be THE CHANGE.

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