

“A Biblical Response to Current Events”

Part 2 – 7/12/20

What Should We Do to Respond Biblically to Current Events in our Culture?

1. Recognize that these are the last days and truth is relative – 2 Timothy 3:1-9
2. Reaffirm the truth we stand on – 2 Timothy 3:13-16

Our Biblical Commitments:

- 1.) Because of the emphasis in God’s Word on prayer we commit to making prayer our first and foremost strategy – 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 - 2.) Because of the value of human life in the eyes of God, we commit to oppose all racism and to stand up for the oppressed – Proverbs 31:8-9
 - 3.) Because of God’s heart for all people, we commit to not be _____ from our God-given mission of spreading the gospel and making disciples – 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21
“This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:3-4
3. _____ and _____ God’s commands regarding civil authority – Rom. 13:1-5

God’s Commands Regarding Civil Authority:

- 1.) No matter the form of government, no matter who is in authority, God’s expectation is for everyone to _____ to all governing authorities – Rom. 13:1a



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“ONENESS EMBRACED WITH TONY EVANS”

(6 VIDEO SESSIONS, EACH APPROXIMATELY 12 MIN.’S.)

Black/white relations in the culture at large and in the church in particular, continue to be a stain on America's respectable reputation. The church has clearly failed and must seek to function by God's kingdom perspective. In this legacy message, Tony Evans seeks to promote a biblical understanding of the kingdom foundation of oneness by detailing why we don't have it, what we need to do to get it, and what it will look like when we live it.

Fully encompassing areas of unity, history, culture, the church and social justice, Evans looks to the scriptures for the balance between righteousness and justice that is crucial for applying in this generation and in training the next. A full section on black church history provides a background and understanding that has often been neglected. Recalling experiences in his own evangelical journey, Evans shares kingdom minded approaches for biblical justice and social restoration. To better glorify God and help heal the persistent racial divide, all church members would do well to read and learn from Oneness Embraced.

“RACE IN AMERICA” – PHIL VISCHER (18 MIN. VIDEO)

We need to talk about race. Why are people angry? Why so upset? Didn't we elect a black president? Pass civil rights laws? Isn't racism illegal now? Three years ago, my brother Rob and I co-taught a class that discussed issues of racial injustice. That class turned into a popular podcast episode, which we've now turned into this video.

“RACE, JUSTICE, AND THE CHURCH” – ERIC MASON (30 MIN. VIDEO)

We live in dark times, and God has called the church to be a prophetic voice, heralding the truths of God and His Word. In this message Pastor Eric Mason's challenge is that the church has tragically majored on the minor things, and by doing so has become not a biblically prophetic voice, but a pathetic voice.

“BLOODLINES” – JOHN PIPER (19 MIN. VIDEO)

A documentary featuring Pastor John Piper as he walks through his personal story of growing up in the segregated South. His personal story boldly champions the transforming power of the gospel and the beauty of racial diversity and harmony in Christ.