

## RACISM NOTES

### Week 1: What does the Bible say about slavery?

**Racism:** prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their race.

#### *The Declaration of Independence*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Bible teaches that all men are created equal by their Creator and endowed with certain unalienable rights with the chief one being LIBERTY (freedom).

God has never CONDONED men taking away the LIBERTY of others.

Chattel: an item of property other than real estate. Chattel slavery is the enslavement of people.

Nearly every nation in the ancient world allowed chattel slavery, with the exception of Israel. God forbade Israel from being like all the nations around them and having chattel slaves. (Exodus 21:16)

God doesn't make a distinction between a slave and free man. (Ephesians 6:8-10)

Paul condemned slavery at a time when the whole world practiced slavery. Slavery contradicts the Word of God. (1 Timothy 1:9-10)

Servanthood and slavery are two totally different things.

Poverty was the sole reason God allowed servanthood. It was a means to help the poor survive.

Becoming an indentured servant in order to pay off debt was a last resort. God enacted several laws to prevent the need to do that. (Deuteronomy 24:6, 12, 14-15, 19-21)

You could never agree to work as an indentured servant for more than 6 years. (Exodus 21:2; Deuteronomy 15:12-15)

Indentured servants in Israel were not to be slaves. (Deuteronomy 23:15-16) This applied to foreign slaves and to those in Israel. If they wanted their freedom, all they had to do was run away to a different city and they were not forced to go back.

Exodus 21:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 6:8-9; 1 Timothy 1:9-10; Deuteronomy 15:4-5, 24:6, 12, 14-15, 19-21; Exodus 21:2; Deuteronomy 15:12-15; Exodus 12:43-44; Genesis 17:13; Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 16:10-11, 13-14; Leviticus 22:11; Deuteronomy 23:15-15

## RACISM NOTES

### Week 2: What does the Bible say about slavery? Pt 2

**Racism:** prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their race.

The Bible clearly teaches that all men are created equal by God and endowed with certain unalienable rights, with the chief one being LIBERTY (FREEDOM).

God has never condoned men taking away the liberty of others.

People became indentured servants because 1) circumstances were threatening their survival 2) they had a debt they couldn't repay.

If you sold yourself as an indentured servant you still retained all the rights of a free man.

On the Year of Jubilee, all debt was forgiven and any land in the family that had been sold, returned to the family.

96% of Israel's economy in the Old Testament period was agriculture.

The exception to the 6 year expiration date for an indentured servant: You had no family land to go back to. This would've been the result of having to sell it to pay off debt. (Leviticus 25:35-43)

Foreigners were protected under the Mosaic Law in that they had the same rights as a Jew. (Leviticus 24:22) There were a few exceptions, which were for the protection of foreigners, not for their harm.

Foreigners couldn't own land in Israel so if they were set free after 6 years, or in the Year of Jubilee, they had no place to go. It was to their advantage to stay in the position of a servant.

Apologetics: the area of Christian theology that aims to intelligently defend the Christian faith.

Exodus 21:2, 16; Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 12-15; Deuteronomy 23:15-16; Leviticus 24:22; 25:8-10, 23-28, 35-43, 39-46; Deuteronomy 16:1; 24:17; 27:19; 1 Peter 3:15-16

## RACISM NOTES

### Week 3: What does the Bible say about racism?

**Racism:** prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their race.

The root cause of racism is the belief that one race is superior to other races. This is where the term “white supremacy” comes from.

Every ethnic group has been guilty at one time or another of being racist towards other ethnic groups.

Racism has existed since the tower of Babel.

Charles Darwin did more than any person to popularize racism and provide justification for it through pseudoscience. In the late 19th and early 20th century it began to be accepted as a scientific truth.

Man did not evolve, he was created.

The Bible states that the entire human race descended from one man and one woman: Adam and Eve. **All people** come from one set of parents, Adam and Eve, who were created by God.

There is only one race: the human race.

When God looks at people, he doesn't look at their skin color or their physical appearance. He looks at their heart.

The Bible explains how we got all of the different ethnic variations. It's because of what happened at the tower of Babel. (Genesis 11:8-9)

**Shadow Racism:** seeing prejudice that you didn't realize you had until a moment of light revealed a shadow of it.

Genesis 9:20-27, 18; 2:7, 21-22; Acts 17:26, 10:34-35; Genesis 11:8-9; Numbers 12:1-11, 13-15

## RACISM NOTES

### Week 4: Civility and Civil Rights

**Racism:** prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their race.

Civility: civilized conduct, especially politeness, courtesy, and most of all, lawfulness (obeying the law).

Civil rights: the right of citizens to political and social equality.

Civil rights ensure that everyone is entitled to participate in society without discrimination or repression.

We're never to repay evil for evil. (Romans 12:17-19)

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it. I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."* Martin Luther King

God expects us to be civil when it comes to protesting for civil rights.

We support the statement, "Black Lives Matter." We do not support the organization, "Black Lives Matter."

As a Christian, you don't ever jump on a wagon until you know whose wagon it is and where the wagon is going.

Marxism is a conflict theory. For Marxism to work, there has to be conflict between two classes of people.

Cultural Marxism: a movement to subvert our Western Christian culture in order to bring about Marxism (or in today's language, socialism).

1 Peter 3:9; Romans 12:17-19; Proverbs 20:22, 24:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 5:38-42; Leviticus 19:18; Luke 6:31; Ephesians 4:26-27; James 1:19; Micah 6:7-8; Galatians 3:28; Proverbs 18:17