



The Human Race, Part 2

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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.**”

Pledge to the Flag: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, **one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**”

Dr. Martin Luther King

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly”

Called to Reconciliation with God and man.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 “¹⁸ *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*** ¹⁹ *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people’s sins against them.** And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

²⁰ ***We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.***”

Matthew 5:9 “*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.*”

If we’re not helping people reconcile, we’re not children of God – the church.

Jesus is the hope of the world.

And we are His ambassadors.

What can we do?

I. Listen and learn from people that aren’t like you.

Hear their stories. There are people in our country that don’t feel safe or listened to.

II. Move toward Reconciliation

Galatians 3:28 *“There is neither **Jew nor Gentile**, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**”*

Acts 10:27-28 Peter at Cornelius’ House

*“²⁷ While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. ²⁸ He said to them: ‘**You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.**’”*

III. How did Jesus model Reconciliation?

He **noticed** marginalized people.

He **listened** to marginalized people.

He **mourned** with marginalized people.

He **rejoiced** with marginalized people.

Galatians 6:2 *“**Carry each other’s burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

I Peter 2:17 *“Show **proper respect** to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”*

Reverend Martin Luther King

Civil Rights Movement August 23, 1963, Lincoln Memorial.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal.**'"

"...that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the **content of their character.**"

It’s not enough to be non-racist - We must be **anti-racism**. Like we are anti-bullying anti-child abuse, anti-spousal abuse.

Micah 6:8 *“...And what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly** with your God.”*

James Clear

Facts don’t change our minds. **Friendships do.**