

THE GOSPEL AND RACE

Various Passages

- Humans have INTRINSIC value because we are created in God's IMAGE.
Gen 1:26-28

- The FALL led to the human race becoming increasingly fragmented and FRAGMENTED.
Gen 3:6-8, 11:1-9

- The CROSS is the only way to deal with sin.
Eph 2:11-16

- The gospel of Jesus TRANSFORMS to be a LIGHT to this world.
Matt 5:14-16



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you think about the racial division that has occurred in our country over the past few years, what emotions do you feel? Why?
2. Consider Colossians 2:8 and 2 Corinthians 10:5. What does it look like to obey these verses when it comes to the issue of race and the gospel?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28. How is being made in the image of God relevant to conversations about race?
4. What is the truth about how nations and ethnicities formed? What are some lies you've heard about this? (see Gen 10, 11)
5. Read Ephesians 2:11-16. What are some of the images Paul uses for division and unity? How does this passage help us see the cross as central to resolving issues of division?
6. How is the issue of our identity relevant to discussions about race? How does Galatians 2:20, 3:28 and Revelation 7:9-10 inform this?
7. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What does it look like to let our light shine when it comes to racial issues? How can we do this well? How does the example of our Christian forefathers encourage us in this?

RECOMMENDED READING:

- Faultlines by Voddie Baucham Jr., (Salem Books, 2021).
- Confronting Injustice without Compromising Truth by Thaddeus Williams, (Zondervan, 2020).
- Christianity and Wokeness by Owen Strachan, (Salem Books, 2021)
- The Air We Breathe by Glen Scrivener, (Good Book, 2022).
- From Every People and Nation: a Biblical Theology of Race by J. Daniel Hays, (IVP, 2003).

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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