

Hard Issue through two world-views

## **RACE**

Secular Worldview: color or one's skin (and political views)

Biblical Worldview:

- physically - one blood Acts 17:26
- Spiritually - two races
  - old self (old man) Eph 4:22
  - new self (new man) Eph 4:24

## **RACISM**

Secular Worldview: Critical Race Theory/Intersectionality (CRT/I)

- cannot cover all in 40 minutes
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- mention "Faultlines" and "Christianity and Wokeness"

basics:

- denies objective truth
- not personal, systemic (oppressor and oppressed)
- not fixable (reform), replace (revolution)
- racist ideas are acceptable (called antiracist) if done by the "right people" Kendi Tweet
- under the guise of social justice
- no forgiveness or repentance, just reparations (similar to addiction, managed but not overcome) works based righteousness - eternal penance. NO FORGIVENESS.
- economics, religious, social, educational
- claims to desire unity, can only divide.

3 Foci - which will encompass all things.

- 1) God's view of TRUE JUSTICE
- 2) God's view of TRUE GUILT
- 3) God's view of TRUE UNITY

## 1) God's view of TRUE JUSTICE

- Leviticus 19:15
- Deuteronomy 1:17, 10:17, 16:19
- 2 Chronicles 19:7
- Job 13:8, 10
- Proverbs 24:23, 28:21
- Acts 10:34
- Romans 2:11
- Galatians 2:6
- Ephesians 6:9
- Colossians 3:25
- 1 Timothy 5:21
- James 2:9

Racism in biblical terms is PARTIALITY. PARTIALITY is SIN.

## 2) God's view of TRUE GUILT

- Romans 3:9
- Romans 3:10-12
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:8,12
- Romans 6:23

In the eyes of God, who is guilty?

Does it matter your skin color, political persuasion, people group, financial status or social status?

## 3) God's view of TRUE UNITY

We don't ignore the God given diversity, but we see it for what it is. God's glorifying Himself through the great variety in His creation. (Robin Hood Quote)  
Revelation 21:21-27

In our fallen nature, we naturally look to the things that separate us.

In our redeemed nature, our focus needs to be on what unifies us.

Romans 8:1

Ephesians 1:

v. 4 chose us

v. 5 predestined us

v. 7 redeemed us

v.7 forgave us through His blood

v.8 gave an inheritance

v.13 sealed us

Romans 2:9

Ephesians 2:

v.1,5 dead in trespasses and sins

v.5 alive with Christ

v. 8,9

v.10 his workmanship

What does all this have to do with UNITY?

Gentiles (ethnos) separate groups

1. separate from Christ
2. excluded from Israel (separated from each other)
3. strangers to the covenant of promise
4. no hope
5. without God

v.14 HE IS OUR PEACE

— TWO INTO ONE

— BROKE DOWN THE DIVIDING WALL

v.15 2 into 1, Establish Peace

4:31-32

5:2

6:12-18, 24

Peace comes from God. Look to the one who unites us and gives us peace.

