



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT RACE?

1. God creates every human in His image and, therefore, every human, regardless of their ethnicity, race, culture, or any other distinguishing characteristic, has intrinsic value equal to all other humans before God.

2. We see God's love for all people in creation, salvation, the Church, and Heaven:

- **Creation**

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27, ESV)

²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, (Acts 17:26, ESV)

- **Salvation**

- Salvation is by grace NOT race!

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV)

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. (Acts 10:34-35, ESV)

- **The Church**

²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28, ESV)

- **Heaven**

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10, ESV)

3. Racism at its root is not a skin problem, it is a *sin* problem.

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Timothy 3:1-5, ESV)



4. Think about the existence of racism in three categories:

A. Sinister Racism

B. Subtle Racism

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (James 2:8-9, ESV)

C. Systemic Racism

- Not “hating” and not “helping” are two vastly different ideas.

³¹Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (Proverbs 14:31, ESV)

²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. ²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you. (Proverbs 3:27-28, ESV)

5. Russ Whitfield, a black pastor in Washington D.C., share a simple word from I Peter 3:8 about the way forward.

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. (1 Peter 3:8, ESV)

- Have unity of mind
- Have sympathy
- Have brotherly love
- Have a tender heart
- Have a humble mind