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Do You Love the Church?

Why Are You a Church Member?

How Are You Representing  
the Church?

Are You Passionate About What  
Jesus is Passionate About?



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“State” of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church:

1 Cor 3: 3 “Yet CARNAL!”

- ☞ Insincere! Disingenuous! Pretenders!
  - ☞ Think the Worst! Dishonest to Each Other!
  - ☞ Lovers of SIN! Aren't Accountable to Each Other!
  - ☞ Gossips! Keep Records Against Each Other!
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## Teachings ... This Series

- What is the “Ekklesia” - Namely the “Church?”  
The “You - You Were” without Christ!
- Church HURT! Relationships & Conflict in the Church! Church Discipline “Does God “Wink” at SIN in the Church!
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & WORSHIP!
- “Racism” in the Church! The SKIN You Live In!  
Is the “Body” a “Compromised” EKKLESIA!

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What is the *Diversity* Within Your  
Current *Circle of Friends* . . . *Why?*

Regarding *Racism & Segregation*,  
What *Contribution* Has the Church  
Perpetuated?



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*Are the Leaders & Members In The 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Church, Telegraphing  
(Communicating) Specific People They  
Want to Identify (Fellowship) with ...  
Sunday Mornings?*

*Do You Consciously Attract or  
Unconsciously Reject Other  
People-Groups & Ethnicities?*



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Are you **Mature (Christ-like)** in Your  
Thinking & Attitude Towards **Other**  
**Ethnicities** or More **Emotional Driven**  
... Based on **Programming** (Your  
**Training**) & the History of Injustices?

**Are You Racist or Prejudiced?**





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The Church & RACISM!

POWERPOINTS - From This Teaching:

Racism, Prejudice & Bigotry ... is a Closed

HEART Matter ... Disciples of Christ Who

are RACIST in Any Form, Have a PLACE in

Their Heart They've Held Back From the

Power of the Gospel, Blood of Jesus

& the Cross!

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**POWERPOINTS - This Teaching:**

God Doesn't Have **Classifications** of People  
... He Created the Body of Christ (**Ekklesia**)  
to be **Culturally & Ethnically** Diverse -  
God's Desire is the Church ... Reflect the  
Biblical **Diversity** of Heaven!



**God Loves Diversity!**

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**POWERPOINTS - This Teaching:**

As a Disciple of Christ **You Cannot Serve**  
Both God & be a **Racist, Prejudiced or Bigot;**  
If you are **Racist in Any Form,** You are **Out-of-**  
**Step** with the **HEART & MIND** of Christ!

You Must Place Your **Ethnicity Below**  
Your **Relationship** with Christ!



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**POWERPOINTS** - From This Teaching:

Your Responsibility - **Disciple of Christ:**

**Micah 6: 8**

“And What Does the Lord **Require of You** but to **Do Justly**, and to **Love kindness and Mercy**, and to **Humble Yourself** and **Walk Humbly** With Your God!”



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Today's Teaching ... "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Church & RACISM!

- I. Biblical Construct - "God Created One Race"
  - a. How We Got Here ... "One Blood Line"
    - i. One Race - "We're All Blood Relatives"
  - b. After the Flood ... "Noah's Three Sons"
    - i. Descendants - "Nations Were Divided"



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Today's Teaching ... "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & RACISM!"

- I. Biblical Construct - "God Created One Race"
  - c. Babel & Rebellion ... "Man Against Man"
    - i. Birth - "Nationalities & Languages"
    - ii. Man - "Ignited Racism & Racial Groups"
      - a. Darwin; Spencer; Huxley - "Influences"
      - b. Jim Crow; Supreme Court Ruling



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Biblical Construct: God Created ONE RACE

Genesis 1: 27


“So God Created Man in His Own Image, in the Image of God He Created him; Male and Female He Created Them!”



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How We Got Here - **ONE Race(Relatives):**

- ✂ All Created by God! - Genesis 2: 7
  - ✂ All Created in God's Image! - Genesis 1: 27
  - ✂ All Equal Origins ! - Genesis 9: 19
  - ✂ All Loved by God! - John 3: 16
  - ✂ All One Family! - Acts 17: 26
  - ✂ All Depraved Nature! - Romans 3: 23
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Biblical Construct: **God Created**

**ONE  
BLOOD  
Line!**




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Biblical Construct: God Created  
“ONE BLOOD Line”

Acts 17: 26

“And He made from **One Blood All Nations** of Men  
to Settle on the **Face of the Earth**, Having  
Determined Their Allotted Periods of Time and the  
**Fixed Boundaries** of Their Habitation - **Where They**  
**Will Live!**”



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## RACISM

Belief, Doctrine or Practice One RACE is Superior to Other Races! A Particular Racial Group is inferior to Another.

## ETHNICITY (Cultural Heritage)

An Ethnic or Social Group that Shares a Common & Distinctive Culture, Religion, Language, or the like!

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RACISM Influencers

Charles Darwin; Herbert Spencer &

Thomas Huxley

DARWINISM “Theory”



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Biblical Construct: God Created ONE RACE

1 Corinthians 4: 15 - 16

“Through the Good News (Gospel) I Became  
Your Father in Christ Jesus, So I Beg (urge;  
encourage; exhort) You, Be IMITATORs of Me!”



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How We Got Here - ONE Race(Relatives):

248 - Nationalities!

194 - Nations!

12,000 - 24,000 - People Groups!




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“Only the Love of Christ & the Church can  
**CURE & HEAL RACISM** ... Not  
Government, Education or Any Other  
Institution or Agency!”

The **Gospel** & the **Cross of Christ** is the  
Only Answer to **Racism, Prejudice &**  
**Bigotry!**



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Biblical Construct: God Created

“ONE BLOOD Line”

Galatians 3: 26 - 28

“In Christ Jesus You **Are All Sons of God**, Through Faith. There is Neither **Jew nor Greek**, There is Neither **Slave nor Free**, There is **No Male & Female**, for YOU ARE ALL **ONE** IN **CHRIST JESUS!**”






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LOVE is Not RACIST!

1 John 4: 20 - 21

“If Anyone Says, “I love God” and Hates His Brother, He is a Liar; For He Who Does Not Love His Brother Whom He Has Seen Cannot Love God Whom He Has Not Seen. And This Commandment We Have From Him: Whoever LOVEs God Must Also Love His Brother!”



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“As Holy Law Giver & Creator,  
God Has Decreed:

- ☞ That We LOVE Not Words - In Deeds!
  - ☞ That We Be Not - Hypocrites!
  - ☞ That We Be Not - Segregationist!
  - ☞ That We Obey God - Rather Than Men!
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Foundation Scriptures... **This Series**

**Acts 20: 28**

Take Care and be on Guard for Yourselves and for the **Whole Flock** over which the **Holy Spirit** has Appointed You as Overseers, to Shepherd (**tend, feed, guide**) the Church of God which **Jesus Bought with His Own blood!**



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Foundation Scriptures ... This Series

1 Peter 2: 9

But you are a **Chosen Race**, a **Royal Priesthood**, a **Holy Nation**, a People for His Own Possession, that You May Proclaim the Excellencies of Him who **Called You Out** of Darkness into His Marvelous Light!”

Eph 4: 5 - 6

There's **One** Body & **One** Spirit; - There's **One** Lord, **One** Faith, **One** Baptism, **One** God & Father of All, Who is **Over All** and **Through All** and **in All!**



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Foundation Scriptures... This Series

2 Chronicles 19:7

Be Careful **What You Do**, for there is **No Injustice** with the Lord our God, **or Partiality!**

Ephesians 4:32

Be **Kind and Loving** (Compassionate & Tenderhearted) to Each Other, and **Forgive** each other Just as **God Forgave You** in Christ!

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## Objectives/Focus... This Series

- ☞ The Church is Not a **Voluntary Society**... The Church is a **HOLY Society** (Spiritual Family)!
- ☞ What are the Characteristics of the Church as **Created by God**?
- ☞ Do You **Love** the Church - Are You **Faithful & Loyal** to the Church?



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## Objectives/Focus... This Series

- ☞ Are You “Racially” Attractive? No Christian Can Be a Racist! 1 John 4: 20 - 21
- ☞ What’s Wrong With This Statement: “I Will Die for the Church, but I Won’t \_\_\_\_\_ for it!”
- ☞ How Am I Supposed to Love a Church That’s Hurt Me; Betrayed Me; or I’ve Lost Faith in?





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## POWERPOINTS ... This Series

- ✂ God Requires the “Called Out Ones” to Make a “Difference” in the World! The Church Must be “Different” from the World!
- ✂ In the Early Church, the GOSPEL Brought Everyone Together; in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Many Christians Don't Want to Worship & Serve God w/People Who Don't Look like Them!

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## POWERPOINTS ... This Series

- ✂️ Worship Must be “Emulated” on Earth as it is in Heaven!
- ☞ God has **Never Created** a Person He Does Not **LOVE!**
- ☞ There Are (3) Types of People in the Church:  
Those **Pretending** like **Judas**; Those **Fighting** like **Peter**; Those **Yielding** like **Jesus!**