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# LOVING THE EKKLESIA

Do You **Love** the **Church**?

**Why** Are You a **Church Member**?

**How** Are You **Representing**  
**Christ & 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” Before Christ (BC)!
- 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 “21<sup>st</sup> Cen Church” a Compromised “Body?”

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*“The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & RACISM!*

What is the *Diversity* Within Your  
Current *Circle of Friends* ... *Why,*  
*Why Not?*

Regarding *Racism & Segregation,*  
What *Contribution* Have You  
(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 Toward **Other**  
**Ethnicities** or More **Emotions Driven**  
... Based on **Programming** (Your  
*Training*) of History & Injustices?*

*Are You Racist or Prejudiced?*





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God Has Never Created a Person  
He Does Not LOVE!

Are You “Racially Attractive?” No  
Born-Again Believer Can Be a True  
RACIST! 1 John 4: 20 - 21



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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  
**"Kingdom" ... 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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“Patters of Thinking”

*Are You Prejudiced- Racist*

Can *Prejudice, Racism & Intimacy* with God

COEXIST in the SAME Heart? *Prejudice &*

*Racism* Represents CONFORMANCE to the

*PATTERNs* of the World's Thinking!

*(Sin Nature)!*

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Week 1:

## *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”
      - ii. Due to Adam’s Sin - “All Inherited Sin!”
    - b. After the Flood ... “Noah’s Three Sons”
      - i. Descendants - Nations Were “Divided”
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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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## *“The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & RACISM!*

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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Previous Teaching ... “The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & RACISM!”

I. ORIGIN of Racism - “Where, When & Who?”

a. Babel Rebellion ... “Man Opposed God!”

i. God Punished Man - “Scattered Him!”

b. The Rebellion Result ... “Ignited Racism

& Racial Groups!”

i. Darwin; Spencer; Huxley - “Pioneers!”

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Previous Teaching ... “The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church & RACISM!”

I. ORIGIN of Racism - “Where, When & Who?”

c. Dark Period ... Segregation & Hatred -  
“Race-Based Slavery!”

i. Jim Crow Law; Supreme Court Ruling!”

d. Role of the Church ... “Conformed!”

i. Segregated - “Errant Theology!”

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Then Came BABEL - Man's "Rebellion!"  
Results of "Rebellion" Against God

- ✘ Man **Opposed** God ... **Don't Need GOD!**
- ✘ First False Religion/Cult Leader - "Nimrod!"
- ✘ God - "Scattered" Man Over the Earth; He "Confused the One Language & Tongue!"
- ✘ Birth - "Various Groups & Languages!"

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Then Came BABEL - Man's "Rebellion!"

Results of "Rebellion" Against God

- ✘ Birth - Ethnicities from "Inbreeding!"  
Various Skin Tones & Features
- ✘ Man vs. Man ... Superiority of Groups!  
One Group "Superior" to Another!
- ✘ RACE "Ideology & Hatred" Was Born! ...  
RACE-Based "Slavery!"

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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 Group that Shares Customs; Religion; Language; Food; Art; Clothing; & Government ...  
“Distinctive” from Other Ethnic Groups!



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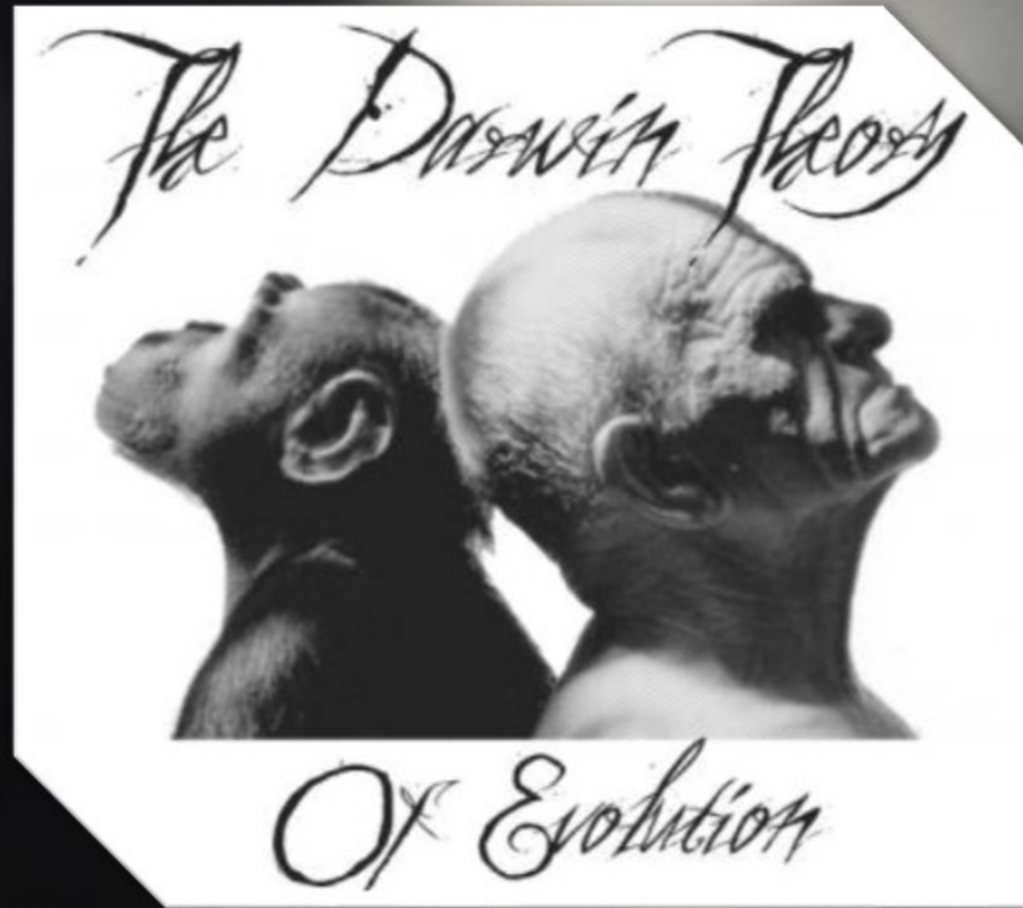


RACISM ... "PIONEERS!"

Charles Darwin; Herbert Spencer &  
Thomas Huxley

"Survival of the Fittest!"

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ORIGIN ... RACISM!



Darwinism ... "Opposed the Bible"

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RACISM ... "PIONEERED!"

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RACISM ... "PIONEERED!"

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## ORIGIN... RACISM!



RACISM... "PIONEERED!"

Thomas Rice

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Result of Inbreeding ... “Ethnic” Groups!



Light!  
Medium!  
Dark!

NOT Many “Colors” - Many “Shades/Features!”

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## The SKIN You LIVE In - Color or Shade?



Two Types of Melanin:

Uumelanin Produces Brown  
to Black; Pheomelanin  
Produces Red to Yellow!

NOT Many "Colors" - Many "Shades/Features!"


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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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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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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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“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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Today's Teaching ... "At Pentecost ...  
*Birth - The Church of Living COLORS!*

- I. At Pentecost - One Race/One Blood Continued!
    - a. Birth of the Church ... "Living COLORS!"
      - i. Babel Scattering - "Christ Gathering!"
    - b. God Constructed the Church ... Reflect  
"His Heart & Kingdom of Heaven!"
      - i. Learn to be ONE - "Diverse!"
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- I. At Pentecost - One Race/One Blood Continued!
  - c. After Pentecost - Primary Model for the "Church ... *The Church At "ANTIOCH!"*
  - d. Reasons Church's Must be Diverse
    - i. *Cross-Cultural "Mindset"*



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The First Church - *At Pentecost* ... Was  
Comprised of People from Different  
*Cultures, Ethnicities & Social/Economic  
Classes!...*


People Who *Did Not* Look Like Each  
Other!

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God's Constructed Church of Living  
COLORs:

- ➡ NO ONE ... *Chose Who Could Join!*
  - ➡ NO ONE ... *Had a Say - How they Felt!*
  - ➡ NO ONE ... *Had a Say - About Worship  
Styles & Differences (Loud/Quiet)!!!!*
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God's Church of Living COLORS Had to:  
LEARN to Become ONE Body!

(7) Habits Acts 2: 42 - 47

HABIT ... An Acquired "Behavior Pattern"

(Characteristics/Disposition) Created by

Certain "Patterns of Thinking!"

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(7) Habits Acts 2: 42 - 47

- ✂ Learn "God's Word - Be Discipled" Together!
- ✂ Learn To "Worship God" Together!
- ✂ Learn to How to Build "Godly Relationships -  
LOVE Each Other" Together!



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(7) Habits Acts 2: 42 - 47

- ✂ Learn to "Influence the Community & World For Christ" Together!
  - ✂ Learn to "Pray with Authority" Together!
  - ✂ Learn to "Evangelize - Lead Others to Christ" Together!
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(7) Habits Acts 2: 42 - 47

✍ Learn to "GIVE - Tithe Sacrificially" Together!

The First Church At Pentecost &  
Antioch Could Not SEGREGATE  
Themselves - They Had to  
Become ONE!

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(5) Reasons the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Must  
Work To Be a **Church of Living COLORS:**

- ✂ Diversity is Biblically Mandated! **Acts 2; Matt 28**
- ✂ A Segregated Church Misrepresents Christ  
& the Kingdom of God! **Gal 3; Acts 2; Acts 10**
- ✂ Multi-Ethnicity Builds Unity! **Acts 2; Phil 2: 4**

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(5) Reasons the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Must  
Work To Be a **Church of Living COLORS:**

✂ Segregation Reinforces Prejudice! **Gal 2: 11 - 16**

✂ Diversity Models Christ's Church! **Gen 1: 27**

**Acts 17: 26; 1 Cor 4: 15 - 16; 1 John 4: 20 - 21**



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

- ☞ That We **LOVE** Not w/Words - In Deeds!
  - ☞ That We Not Be - Hypocrites!
  - ☞ That We Not Be - 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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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!**