

**Series: Citizens of Heaven: Social Issues and the Sacred Mind**

**Title: Racism - Every Tribe Every Nation – One Family**

**Text: Philippians 3:20; Matthew 22:36-40**

Me

- Southern Idaho
  - Near Blackfoot – native Americans and Hispanics in church and next door
  - Traveling with uncle to churches of many ethnicities
  - Bishop Crouch and Andre Crouch

We

- The events of the last 60 years have seen much needed change in race relations, yet in recent days through social media and global openness, the underbelly of racism is showing its ugly face.

### **A History of Racism which Remains Today:**

**Ancient China**

**Asia**

**Middle East**

**India**

**Africa**

**Eurasia**

**South America**

**Pre Columbian Americas**

**Western Civilization**

**America**

#### **Ancient China**

The Chinese people have plural origins. They commonly believe that they are “descendants of Yan and Huang.”

200 AD Han and non-Han

1200 Mongols and Manchus

Han against Manchu

#### **Asia**

Korean against Japanese

Japanese against Chinese

Asian continent against pacific islanders because of immigration rules

#### **Middle East: Iran**

Islamic republic of [Iran](#) is discriminating and practicing wide racism against [Arabs](#), [Kurds](#), [Baluch](#), and other ethnic minorities.

#### **Islam: Sunni and Shia**

#### **Israel**

"Over two-thirds Israeli teens believe Arabs to be less intelligent, uncultured and violent. Over a third of Israeli teens fear Arabs altogether..."

#### **Jordan**

According to a 2013 study conducted by Scandinavian academics, Jordanians are the most racist nationality in the world, followed by Indians at second place.

## India

- Caste, class, religion, region, gender and economics are a few of these variables.
- *India and Colorism: The Finer Nuances* (Neha Mishra, REVA University)
  - Region, religion, caste, sub-caste, Jati, Gotra, Kula, Varna, and language.
- Examples that show the mention of **dark skinned 'heroes'**; therefore, one can assume that at the time the color black was acceptable as a skin color of heroes.
- Beauty ideals are now governed by **the media, which glorifies lighter skinned** models – both male modern and female – who are chosen to advertise almost all products over darker skinned models. Television stars, actors and actresses promote “**fairness**” products.

## Africa

Ethnic [Pygmy](#) populations in [Central Africa](#) suffer from racialized discrimination from [Bantu](#) peoples

- Pygmies have been targeted for [slavery](#) by Bantu populations continuing into the modern age.
- Ethiopian
  - [Ethnic discrimination](#) occurred during the [Haile Selassie](#) and [Mengistu Haile Mariam](#) epochs against [Afar](#)s, [Tigrayans](#), [Eritreans](#), [Somalis](#) and [Oromos](#).
  - Tigrayans – civil war happening right now
- Libya - The Arab and Berber population has traditionally held racist views towards black-skinned, sub-Saharan Africans
- Niger - Niger, while the practice of [slavery](#) was outlawed in 2003, a study has found that more than 800,000 people are still slaves,
- South Africa – Apartheid / colonialism
- Many nations such as **the Bono State, Ashanti of present-day Ghana and the Yoruba of present-day Nigeria** were involved in slave-trading. Groups such as the Imbangala of Angola and the Nyamwezi of Tanzania would serve as intermediaries or roving bands, waging war on African states to capture people for export as slaves.
- Rwanda – Hutu v Tutsi – the shape of the nose
  - Rwanda and who would have thought **the size of one's nose** would be a way to distinguish one's superiority over another. Tutsi, the minority population with a European looking nose structure, long and narrow in size and the Hutu with their wide nose measurement were the distinguishing symbol that divided a once United African country into enemies across ethnic lines.

## South America

- Latin America should start with a broad survey of the indigenous, Iberian, and African populations
- Aztec and Inca
- Hernán Cortes, Francisco Pizarro – Spanish and Indigenous
- Mexico – indigenous and lighter skinned Mexicans

## Pre Columbian Americas

- Tribes - It is the height of glory [for a warrior] when he takes prisoners and brings them back alive. As soon as he arrives, the entire village gathers and lines up along the path the captives will take. The prisoners receive a cruel welcome: some tear out their fingernails, others cut off their fingers or ears, others beat them with sticks.

## **Eurasia**

- Mongols
- Huns
- Ottoman empire

## **Western Civilization**

- Ancient Greeks and Romans harbored “ethnic and cultural,” but not racial, prejudice.
  - The Cretans were hailed as the dredge of the World.
- Germanics and Gauls / Visigoths
- Empiricism
  - Dutch, Portuguese, British, Spanish, and English

## **America and the World**

- Our History toward the slave trade, native indigenous people, the Irish, the Italian, the Catholic, the Chinese immigrant, the Japanese internments, the Germans who fled Nazi Germany, all Asian immigrants, the Latino worker, Jewish people, Islamic people, Hindu people, Sikh people is full of racism, bigotry and prejudice.

## **It is not just Black and white tensions and systemic racism against this people group.**

- Asian - Latino
  - Focus now on other minority communities, such as Asian and Latino Americans, who are grappling with their own relationships to systemic racism.
- Black and Hispanic
  - Around the country, evidence of a growing divide between blacks and Hispanics is mounting. It's a split few want to discuss.
  - One after another, the reports have rolled in. From Florida to California, Nevada to New Jersey, even as far away as the state of Washington, the news is getting harder to ignore: There's trouble brewing between blacks and browns.
- Asian - Black
  - The history of tensions — and solidarity — between Black and Asian American communities, explained — It is “white supremacy.”
- Black and White – Slave history
- White and Hispanic - Migration
- White and Asian – Japanese
- White on White
  - Irish / English
  - Any Baltic historical battle – Armenians – Azerbaijani

**Racism is a sin from the beginning of Creation and is found in every culture on the earth.**

**People have prejudice in many areas:**

**Prejudice based on Color, Culture, Creed, Company, Caste, Clothing**

**But we must not look at all of this through the lens of Color, Culture, Creed, Company, Caste, Clothing, but as Citizens of Heaven, or pre-Citizens of Heaven.**

### **Philippians 3:20**

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

### **Matthew 22:36-40**

*<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

We have looked at the sanctity of Life, LGBTQA and gender matters, Earth Management, i.e. climate change. Next week I am going to conclude the series with a message from Micah 6pn the balance of Justice and Mercy.

#### **A voice to speak**

- On abortion – If you are not a woman you don't get to speak.
- On LGBTQ – If you are a cis white man over 50 – you do not get to speak.
- On Climate Change – Your carbon footprint tells me you do not get to speak.
- On race relations – If you are white and you do not get to speak.

I do feel like I may have a platform to address this issue from a strong position based upon the nature of the church god has commissioned me to envision.

- Here is a picture of the leadership of the ministries here at rock of Hope.

#### **Picture of leaders**

As we have been addressing the major social conversations within the marketplace, we would be remiss if we did not look into Scripture regarding Race Relations.

**We all must speak! Yet we Must speak the truth of the Scripture.**

### **Citizens of Heaven – Every Tribe Every Nation – One Family**

#### **By Blood / One Human Race**

- Genetic variation approximately 0.1%
- Humans are remarkably genetically similar, sharing approximately **99.9%** of their genetic code with one another.

#### **By Sin / One fall**

- One man Adam sinned and has affected all of humanity.
- If we think this is a white thing or and American thing, or a colonial thing, we are mistaken.
- It is a global thing and a sin of humanity.

#### **By Hope / One Savior**

- Through one Man there is peace with God and a unification of all tribes and nations into one family.

In America, melanin in our skin has become the basis of our connections, dealings and relationships.

**This is not a skin problem.  
Social Issues are spiritual problems.**

**This is a sin problem.**

### **Old Testament Scriptures about 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.*

#### **Deuteronomy 10:17**

*For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.*

#### **Malachi 2:10**

*Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?*

### **What about the warfare of the Old Testament?**

- The calling of the people of Israel and the enmity that God had against other nations and peoples were not about the color of their skin, the culture they developed, or their socioeconomic status.
- It was about their worshipping of other gods and condoning and celebrating a sinful and debauched manner of life.
- God was making the people of Israel a separate and holy people that were His. They were set apart.
- The battles were about holiness. The warfare was gods against God

### **New Testament verses on race:**

#### **John 13:34**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

#### **Romans 10:12-13**

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

#### **Acts 10:28**

*And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.*

#### **Acts 10:34-35**

*<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.*

**Acts 17:26 KJV**

*And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings*

Why?

**Acts 17:27-28 KJV**

*<sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*

**Colossians 3:11**

*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,[a] free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

**Galatians 3:28**

*There 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.*

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**Revelation 5:9-10**

*<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

**God handles the SIN of racism through the blood of Christ**

One in Christ

One blood

On kingdom

One family

**What do we do?**

**There is an Individual face of racism**

**There is an Institutional face of racism**

**We face these with our attitudes and our actions.**

**What attitudes are we to have?**

All Individuals are made in the image of God.

All Individuals are to be seen with the love of God.

All Individuals are either citizens of heaven or they are not.

All institutions should see and treat every person equally.

All institutions should judge every person equally.

All institutions should give equal opportunity to every person.

All institutions should see every person equally.

## **What Actions are we to take?**

### **Individually**

Show love and kindness to everyone.

See through the eyes the soul that God has made.

Show them respect by addressing them by name.

Eliminate (possibly pejorative) adjectives as identifiers when we speak of people.

Pray for opportunity to share God's love with those yet to be saved.

Use the opportunity to share God's love with those yet to be saved.

### **Institutionally**

Vote only for those who will treat all people equally.

Hire the person on their qualifications and for no other reason.

If this is a Christian organization,

Love all people, showing kindness.

Hold fast the truths of Scripture when hiring that they not go against or shame the Gospel of Jesus.

See the truth of certain systems that promote and perpetuate racial tensions in the guise of racial equity and work to change it.

**CHALLENGE  
SCRIPTURAL DEFINITION MUST DETERMINE  
YOUR POSITION ON SOCIAL ISSUES  
AND EARTHLY MATTERS.**