

gRACE Relations - The Biblical Truth on Race

The Book of Acts

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Acts 17:26 (NKJV)

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

Racism is a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race. (Websters Dictionary)

Prejudice is an unjustified or incorrect attitude (usually negative) towards an individual based solely on the individual's membership of a social group. For example, a person may hold prejudiced views towards a certain race or gender etc. (e.g. sexist). (<https://www.simplypsychology.org/prejudice.html>)

Discrimination is the behavior or actions, usually negative, towards an individual or group of people, especially on the basis of sex/race/social class, etc. (<https://www.simplypsychology.org/prejudice.html>)

What's Wrong with Racism?

1. WE ARE CREATED _____ IN GOD

Genesis 1:26a (NKJV)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..."

"Racism is not about black or white but good and evil. It's not a skin problem but a sin problem."
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2. GOD LOVES US ALL THE _____

Acts 10:28 (NKJV)

28 Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Moses married a dark-skinned woman.

Numbers 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

Jeremiah 13:23 (NKJV)

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

Acts 10:34 (BBE)

34 Then Peter said, Truly, I see clearly that God is no respecter of persons:

3. WE ARE ALL _____ IN CHRIST

Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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Romans 10:12 (NLT)

12 Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.

Jesus tears down the walls of division.

Ephesians 2:14 (NLT)

14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

Revelation 5:9 (NLT)

9 And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

(G)RACE RELATIONS based on TRUTH

Teach others what God's Word says.

Reach-out & extend an olive branch.

Use your influence to inspire others.

Talk with others.

Honor others & act with honor.

ANSWERS:

1. EQUAL

2. SAME

3. ONE