

We Are Family

The Place Where Race Has No Reason to Reign

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Racism: 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.

4 Reasons Why Racism is Not Biblical

1. We all come from one common ancestor in Adam

Genesis 1:26-28

“There is no genetic sequence unique to blacks or whites or Asians. In fact, these categories don’t reflect biological groupings at all. There is more genetic variation in the diverse populations from the continent of Africa than exists in all populations from outside of Africa (the rest of the world) combined! There are no specific racial genes.” - Agustín Fuentes Ph.D.

2. We are all created in God’s image

Genesis 1:27

Humans are the only thing in creation that are made in God’s image.

Racism disregards a person’s God given worth. It puts qualifiers on human dignity that God did not put in place when he created us.

3. Christ came to save ALL classes of people

Acts 10-11

If God’s heart is bent toward saving people of all nations, our heart should be too. We need to be ready and willing to share Christ with whomever God puts in our path, regardless of where they come from.

4. The future kingdom will include people from every nation, tribe, people, and language

Revelation 7:9-12

What does the kingdom that you are working to build look like? Does it look like God’s?

3 EXHORTATIONS AS WE STRIVE TOWARD RECONCILIATION

1. Reconciliation will require you to move outside of your comfort zone

Acts 11:1-4; Galatians 2:11-13

Crossing the line toward racial reconciliation is going to put you in difficult situations.

2. Christians MUST be characterized by love in all of our interactions

1 Peter 4:8; 1 Cor. 13; Mark 12:30-31; John 13:34-35

“Love is the tension between grace and truth ... When you choose to love people who think and act differently than you, the situation could get extremely messy. We have to be willing to enter into those messy relationships.” - Caleb Kaltenbach

3. We should try to understand the struggles of others so that we can show godly compassion

If you want your heart to grow in the area of racial reconciliation, start learning about the struggles of the people who you want to reach.