



AUGUST 18, 2019

# Sunday Bible Class 9.30am Worship 10.30am Worship 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Class 7:00pm

Meeting Times

5 Reasons Racism is Ridiculous

Part 2, continued from last week Eric Lyons

#2—GOD ONLY MADE ONE RACE—THE HUMAN RACE

Although people come in different colors, shapes, and sizes, and although they often associate more closely with those whom they find more similar in ways to themselves, the fact is, there is only one human race. Racism is ridiculous because we are all related. not by means of naturalistic evolution, but by special Creation. No one person is inherently of more value than another person. We are all sons and daughters of Adam and Eve-the specially created couple whom God made thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:20). What's more, we are also sons and daughters of Noah and his wife, through whom the Earth was repopulated after the worldwide Flood of Genesis 6-8.

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As the apostle Paul informed the idolatrous Athenians 2,000 years ago, God "made from one blood every nation to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). Adam and Eve had children, who had children...who had you and me. We are all physically related. We are all of one race—the one human race. We are all (as modern science classifies us) of the same human species—Homo sapiens. We all trace our ancestry back to Noah, and then back to Adam. We may have different skin color, facial features, hair texture, etc., but we are all brothers and sisters! We are family—a part of the same human race.

## #3—GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES...AND NEITHER SHOULD WE

Although God is omnipotent, He is actually color-blind. His allloving, perfectly just nature will not allow Him to love someone more than another based upon the color of a person's skin or the nation in which one was born. Similar to how God cannot lie (Titus 1:2), God cannot show favoritism.

Moses wrote: "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:17-19). Peter said: "God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34-35, emp. added). According to Paul, God "does not receive a face" (Galatians 2:6, NASB literal footnote rendering); that is, "God does not judge by external appearance" (Galatians 2:6, NIV).

In short, it is impossible to hold "the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, (the Lord) of glory, with respect of persons" (James 2:1, ASV). The Christian's care and concern for his fellow brother by Creation and by Christ is to be color-blind.

To be continued next week...

### Order of Service

Opening Remarks Song Leader	Russell Haydon Don Petrosky, Jr.
Song	
Song	
Prayer	Ray Parks
Song	
Communion	Leonard Meredith
	Don Petrosky, Sr.
Song	
Song	
Sermon	Clay Bond
Song	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Russell Haydon
Song	
Dismissal Prayer	Luke Haydon

#### Upcoming Events:

- June 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Summer Series this week Jason Dunn: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter
  Today! Men please check the bulletin board and sign up for a Wednesday evening devotional.
- > Sept.  $15^{th} 18^{th}$  Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope

#### Wednesday Devotional

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

#### ....Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Tyler, Esmeralda, Gary, Tom Barr, Don & Sherri Blackwell, Melvin Wright, Tammy Whitman, Sean Bothwell, Nan Phillips, Kenneth & Laura Snyder Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 38 PM: 30 Wednesday: 36 Contribution: \$9044.09