

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17, emp. added).

“God...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4, emp. added). For this reason, “repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations” (Luke 24:47, emp. added)—to people of all colors, in all cultures, in whatever countries.

The Gospel “is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16, emp. added). And when individuals in the world “obey the Gospel” (2 Thessalonians 1:8; see [Lyons and Butt](#), n.d.) and are added to the Lord’s Church by God Himself (Acts 2:47), we all become one in Christ Jesus. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:29).

CONCLUSION

I do not claim to be an expert on race relations, but I know that some people genuinely struggle with the sin of racism. Some struggle with being the recipients of racism, which in turn may cause them to be tempted to react in racist ways. Others struggle with cowardly silence as they tolerate the sin of racism in their homes, churches, schools, businesses, and communities. Still others seem so preoccupied with advancing their own racial agenda that they appear to hastily interpret most everything as a racial problem, when most things are not.

Jesus once taught the hypocrites of His day, saying, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). May God help us to see as He sees: “for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). What a better world this would be if everyone realized the foolishness of judging a book by its cover. Racism really is ridiculous.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Ray Parks
Song Leader	Don Petrosky, Jr.
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Prayer	Leonard Meredith
<i>Song</i>	
Communion	Clay Bond Dylan Petrosky
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Sermon	Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Ray Parks
<i>Song</i>	
Dismissal Prayer	Russell Haydon

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 15th – 18th Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope
- Next Sunday Pot Luck Fellowship
- Sept. 10th Ladies’ Bible Class will resume on Tuesdays at 10am

Wednesday Devotional

Sept. 11th Dylan Petrosky
 Sept. 18th Gospel Meeting
 Sept. 25th Russell Haydon

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Tyler, Gary, Tom Barr, Don & Sherri Blackwell, Melvin Wright, Tammy Whitman, Sean Bothwell, Kenneth & Laura Snyder, Logan & Amanda Godfrey, Pete Medina
 Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon
 Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 66 PM: 30 Wednesday: 28 Contribution: \$2958.49