Notes



**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019** 

# Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am

#### 5 Reasons Racism is Ridiculous

continued from last week
Eric Lyons

### #5—JESUS IS EVERYONE'S SAVIOR

In one of the earliest Messianic prophecies, God promised Abraham that it would be through One of his descendants that "all the nations" and "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 22:18; 12:3, emp. added). It certainly was an honor for Abraham's family to be chosen as the one through whom the Savior of the world would come, but Jesus did not come only to save the Jews. God did not enact a plan of salvation to save one particular color of people. He did not send Jesus to take away the sins of a particular ethnic group or nation. Jesus is the answer to the whole world's sin problem; He is "the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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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 <u>Lyons and Butt</u>, 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.

Song

Song

Prayer Leonard Meredith

Song

Communion Clay Bond

Dylan Petrosky

Song Song

Sermon Clay Bond

Song Offering

Closing Remarks Ray Parks

Song

Dismissal Prayer Russell Haydon

### **Upcoming Events:...**

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope

Next Sunday
Pot Luck Fellowship

➤ Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Tuesdays at 10am

### .Wednesday Devotional

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Dylan Petrosky Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Gospel Meeting

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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