

# Biblical Discernment in a Time of Racial Divide

## Pt. 1

### Acts 17:24–31

#### **Acts 17:24–31 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. <sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men

everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

## Introduction

In a Book titled “One Race One Blood” Ken Ham states

“Racism is a consequence of sin in a fallen world infused with evolutionary thinking. The consequences of racism on a personal and social level are huge.”

Chapter 5  
One Blood  
by Ken Ham on January 8, 2009

That Statement has been magnified and highlighted 1000s of times in the last few weeks as a result of what many believe to be the racially motivated murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin.

“Floyd’s death came six weeks after police in Louisville, Kentucky, fatally shot Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old black woman, during a midnight “no-knock” raid on her home. It came 10 weeks after the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old black man,

who was chased down by a white father and son in a pickup truck as he jogged in his neighborhood in Glynn County, Georgia.”

‘It was a modern-day lynching’: Violent deaths reflect a brutal American legacy

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We’ve seen protest in the streets of most of our major cities. Some have seen riots and looting, burning of building and destruction of private property is everywhere. Men and Women, white and black have been beaten 2x 4s had rocks and bricks and bottles thrown at them. Civilians and police officers all colors have been shot and left to die in the streets.

Entire city blocks have been taken over in Seattle by protestors of the Black Lives Matter group.

While demands for cities to defund the police department grow louder and louder.

Anarchist and Terror groups like Antifa have been paid to take advantage of the situation to push for the overthrow of the Government.

Frankly put, it is a nasty situation.

Although I do not claim to know what was in the hearts and minds of any of the these that have been accused of these Crimes, but what I do know is that Racism is very Bad

Whether it is perceived or real, it can lead to some very deadly and hurtful crimes.

All types of attempts have been made to solve the Racism and the Racial divide issue here in America.

From the 1960s and the Civil Rights Movement, to the removal laws of Segregation, to the Affirmative Action policy.

Even with all of this there still remains a pessimism as to the solving of the Racism issues.

In the book

**“The End of Racism, The White Man’s Burden”**

the author states,

“Deeply distressed by the continuing failure of blacks as a group to succeed in America, many scholars and social activists allege that all talk of racial progress is an evasion or a mirage. They assume that racism is not a departure from American ideals but a true expression of them, that the nation's institutions are ineradicably tainted by racism, and that racism may be an intrinsic part of the human or at least the Western psyche, so that we may never be able to transcend it. The dominant view today is that race is a social reality or, as African American scholar Cornel West puts it, "race matters"; therefore the only viable response is to institutionalize race as the basis of public policy.”

In recent years we have seen another attempt to eliminate or at least deal Racism.

It the new Religion of America called Social Justice and Critical Race Theory

On its surface, you may hear the term Social Justice and think that this would be a good thing.

After all we all want justice, right?

And we know that there injustices that take place socially right?

I mean there is racism

There is unequal pay for the same skill just because you may be a women or black.

But Social Justice is not always justice. It can be real or perceived. It can be whatever you or the group decided it to be.

The ideology of Social Justice is not New.

In fact it is Marxism regurgitated in the form of Social Justice.

Marxism basically teaches the redistribution of Wealth.

In the case of Social Justice, it would be the redistribution of wealth and privilege

With the Social Justice Philosophy you need to understand what is meant and intended by this.

**Justice** = getting what is fair or just through the distribution of rewards or punishment

**Social**= whatever social group that feels it has been dealt with unjustly.

So take any group of people, (by the way its always a group not an individual)

This is the Social part of it.

The Group can be

Black males

White women

Disabled White Males

Black Women

LGBT

**LGBTIQCAPGNGFNBA**

**Lesbian**: woman attracted towards a woman

**Gay**: man attracted towards a man

**Bisexual**: person attracted towards both men and women

**Transgender**: person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on sex or gender assigned at birth

**Intersex**: Person both with a combination of male and female biological characteristics

**Questioning:** person exploring their gender identity and sexual orientation

**Curious:** person who doesn't identify as bisexual but is just curious towards both men and women

**Asexual:** person who does not experience sexual attraction

**Pansexual:** person attracted towards members of all gender identities and expressions

**Gender Nonconforming:** person who either by nature or by choice does not conform to gender-based expectations of society

**Gender-Fluid:** person who does not identify themselves as having a fixed gender

**Non-Binary:** person who does not identify as either man or woman (third gender)

**Androgynous:** gender expression with elements of both masculinity and femininity

The Groups can be any one group of people that feel they have been done wrong or have not got what they feel is right for them.

The amount of Justice due to you is directly related to how much intersectionality you have.

In other words,

If you are a White woman in the work force

Your are due you equal pay because you a are a women

But if you are are a lesbian white woman you are due more because you are oppressed twice as bad.

But if you are a lesbian white women who is disabled then you are 3 times oppressed and you are justly due wealth and privilege.

So now take our situation with Racism.

Social Justice says that the way you deal with and solve the Race issue is by giving what is right to those who are oppressed, and the more you are oppressed the more you get.

So if you are Black that is one in your favor

If you are Black woman that is 2 in your favor

If you a Black woman who is lesbian then that is 3 in your favor and Society owes you 3 times as much because you are 3 times oppressed.

If you are a Black woman who is a disabled Lesbian, who believes Climate change is real, You are another group that has 5 times the oppression and you have hit the jackpot that is due to you.

You may ask, so how does this flesh itself out in our world.

Well here are a couple of example



If you have 2 men apply for a secular and one is white and one is black, but the white is more qualified than the black man.

Social Justice would say, you are to hire the black man because is oppressed by the white man and white privilege.

Or if you have a job that requires that you work with someone who is of the LGBT community and you decide to witness to them and share the gospel with them and confront the sin of homosexuality.

Social Justice Demands that you are to be fired. no Exceptions.

This has come into the church also. Some leading evangelicals pastors are saying that if you have 2 men, one black and one white and the white man is better qualified biblically than the black man, then you bring the black man on staff

It is a total undermining of what Justice is and will lead to the down fall of our civilization rather than the solving of Racism.

Yet this is what the world has chosen and many in the evangelical church to fight against Racism.

This Social Justice is the fuel that lights the fire of the Black Lives Matter movement.

This is the largest and most powerful movement in recent history that claims to have as its goal to extinguish racism from the planet.

But

most Evangelicals do not have have a clue as to the agenda and mission of the Black lives Matter movement.

Their fight against Racism is only the tip of the iceberg. Its what most people hear they are about, but it it is much more sinister and evil than you know.

Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

Enraged by the death of Trayvon Martin and the subsequent acquittal of his killer, George Zimmerman, and inspired by the 31-day takeover of the Florida State Capitol by POWER U and the Dream Defenders, we took to the streets. A year later, we set out together on the Black Lives Matter Freedom Ride to Ferguson, in search of justice for

Mike Brown and all of those who have been torn apart by state-sanctioned violence and anti-Black racism. Forever changed, we returned home and began building the infrastructure for the Black Lives Matter Global Network,..."

Ferguson helped to catalyze a movement to which we've all helped give life. Organizers who call this network home have ousted anti-Black politicians, won critical legislation to benefit Black lives, and changed the terms of the debate on Blackness around the world. Through movement and relationship building, we have also helped catalyze other movements and shifted culture with an eye toward the dangerous impacts of anti-Blackness.

We see ourselves as part of the global Black family, and we are aware of the different ways we are impacted or privileged as Black people who exist in different parts of the world.

We are guided by the fact that all Black lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.

We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).

In 2013, three radical Black organizers —

**Alicia Garza,**  
**Patrisse Cullors,**  
**Opal Tometi**

**Alicia Garza,**

a feminist that describes herself as a Marxist and a queer social justice activist.

In 2008, she married her husband, Malachi Garza, who is a transgender male activist.

she is credited with inspiring the slogan when, after the July 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman of murder in the death of Trayvon Martin, she posted on Facebook: "Black people. I love you. I love us. Our lives matter, Black Lives Matter"

**Patrisse Cullors,**

A Feminist who... recalls being forced from her home at 16 when she revealed her queer identity to her parents.<sup>[3]</sup> She was involved with the JWs as a child, but later grew disillusioned with the church. She developed an interest in the Nigerian religious tradition of Ifá, incorporating its rituals into political protest events. She told an interviewer:

For me, seeking spirituality had a lot to do with trying to seek understanding about my conditions—how these conditions shape me in my everyday life and how I

understand them as part of a larger fight, a fight for my life.<sup>[9]</sup>

Most important, as a queer Black woman....  
In order to truly understand how devastating and widespread this type of violence is in Black America, we must view this epidemic through a lens of race, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

### **Opal Tometi**

A transnational feminist,  
— created a Black-centered political will and movement building project called #BlackLivesMatter.

In 2015, Garza and the two other women who founded Black Lives Matter were runners-up for *The Advocate's* Person of the Year award and in 2016, the trio was added to *Fortune* magazine's 50 of the Most Influential World Leaders list.

BLM is inherently a movement sustained by a politics of blackness that is, Charlene Carruthers reminds us, unapologetically feminist, womanist, and queer.

They are a Communistic, Marxist Revolutionary ,  
AntiChrist,

## Socialist Movement Committed to these demands

1. Full employment and Housing
- 2 Free College
3. End of Voter ID laws
4. The Release of all US political Prisoners
5. Defunding the Police
6. Collective ownership of everything.

Although the movement is seen primarily as a cry against the injustice of Racism. Racism is only a very small part of the goal of the movement. Its desire at its core is to completely undo and destroy there very fabric of the Unites States.

It is as Antithetical to the Bible as possible  
It is Ungodly and UnChristian

One more thing,

Although Black lives matter claims that All Black Lives Matter, yet no attempt has been made, no words have been given, No Protest have been conducted. No defunding has been demanded of the #1 killer of black people in America.

Planned Parenthood.

In fact, the opposite is true.

Planned parenthood Supports Black Lives Matter

and Black lives matter accepts Planned Parenthood's support.

“George Floyd. Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor. Tony McDade. We say these names today and remember the names of so many more in the hope that their lives will not be forgotten. Black lives matter. Their deaths must be answered with swift justice and reformatory action.

The fundamental right to bodily autonomy—the belief that every person should be safe and free in their body—guides Planned Parenthood’s work and our fight for reproductive freedom. State-sanctioned violence makes the promise of freedom unattainable for Black people in this country—that includes reproductive freedom. If Black people do not have the bodily autonomy necessary to live their daily lives — or protest the violence against their lives — without the fear of violence or murder, we can never truly achieve reproductive freedom or justice.

The Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund stands in solidarity with the Black community and we join them in demanding justice and accountability. All officers who have participated in the murder or assault of



Black people must be arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. “

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocacy-fund-massachusetts-inc/black-lives-matter>

“black women make up 14 percent of the childbearing population. Yet, 36 percent of all abortions were obtained by black women. At a ratio of 474 abortions per 1,000 live births, black women have the highest ratio of any group in the country.”

Abortion: The overlooked tragedy for black Americans  
By: Guest Opinion February 25, 2020  
Arizona Capitol Times

Behind the scenes of the fight for Racial Justice is the complete destruction of the Biblical Family and Society as we know it.

Yet church after church and para church organization are willing to join with them in fighting for Racial justice while by there association are undermining the very truth that can produce racial reconciliation. “ The Gospel”

The idea is expressed in  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship statement

InterVarsity clarified that it hadn't "endorsed" #BlackLivesMatter, a fact that will disappoint some

and relieve others. Its press release made clear that "InterVarsity does not endorse everything attributed to #BlackLivesMatter" but that the ministry is nevertheless "co-belligerents with a movement with which we sometimes disagree because we believe it is important to affirm that God created our Black brothers and sisters."

Do Black Lives Matter to evangelicals?  
John Inazu

The Problem is not that the church should stand clearly against any prejudice or racial injustice, but rather who you stand with.

Too often the church feels the need to stand with those groups or movements that are clearly Antithetical to Christianity, yet because it has denied the power of the gospel and embraced the power of pragmatism, it believes that power is in numbers.

The Church has done this for years in the fight against Abortion. It has joined arms with the Roman Catholic Church in hopes to win the fight by the sheer power and numbers of the Roman system.

It seems the more the church decides to become socially active and to stand against the evils of society, whether racism or abortion, homosexuality and the destruction of the family, the faster it divorces itself from the power that saves.

## **2 Timothy 3:1–9 (NKJV)**

**3** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup> but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

2 Timothy 3:1–9 (NKJV)

**3** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

But know this **Pres. Imperative**

**ginóskó: to come to know, recognize, perceive**

**Original Word:** γινώσκω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** ginóskó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ghin-ocē'-ko)

**Definition:** to come to know, recognize, perceive

**Usage:** I am taking in knowledge, come to **know**, learn;  
aor: I ascertained, realized.

that in the last days

**eschatos: last, extreme**

**Original Word:** ἔσχατος, η, ον

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** eschatos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (es'-khat-os)

**Definition:** last, extreme

**Usage:** last, at the last, finally, till the end.

2078 ésxatos (from esxaton, "end, last") – properly, last, final (the furthest, extreme-end). 2078/esxatos ("future things"), the root of "eschatology" is "the study of last things." This includes future Bible prophecy, the end-times, and life after death ("the after-life").

Hebrews 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

perilous times will come:

**perilous**

**chalepos: hard (to do or bear)**

**Original Word:** χαλεπός, ή, όν

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: chalepos

Phonetic Spelling: (khal-ep-os')

**Definition:** hard (to do or bear)

**Usage:** (a) hard, troublesome, (b) harsh, fierce.

5467 xalepós (an adjective, derived from xaleptō, "to oppress, annoy," J. Thayer) – properly, irksomely

hard to bear (LS); fiercely difficult to cope with because so harsh (even injurious).

**Grievous** (χαλεποι [*chalepoi*]). Hard

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (2 Ti 3:1). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

**troublesome** adj. — difficult to deal with.

**5467. χαλεπός chalepos**; a prim. word; *hard (to do or bear)*:—difficult(1), violent(1).

Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

χαλεπός is ‘hard, difficult’ (‘hard to deal with violent, dangerous’, Mt 8:28\*\*\*), in the sense of ‘hard to bear’.<sup>4</sup>

Marshall, I. H., & Towner, P. H. (2004). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Pastoral Epistles* (p. 771). London; New York: T&T Clark International.

Matthew 8:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly **fierce**, so that no one could pass that way.

perilous **times** will come:

**kairos: time, season**

**Original Word:** καιρός, οὔ, ὄ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** kairos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (kahee-ros')

**Definition:** time, season

**Usage:** fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time.

perilous times **will come:**

**will come:**

**enistémi: to place in, to be at hand, perf. part. to be present**

**Original Word:** ἐνίστημι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** enistémi

**Phonetic Spelling:** (en-is'-tay-mee)

**Definition:** to place in, to be at hand, perf. part. to be present

**Usage:** I place in or upon; only in the intrans. tenses: I impend, am at hand, am present, threaten; as adj: present.

The verb ἐνίστημι\*\* normally means 'to happen', and it is used frequently in the perf. with the sense 'to have come, be present, have set in

Marshall, I. H., & Towner, P. H. (2004). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Pastoral Epistles* (p. 771). London; New York: T&T Clark International.

<sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

<sup>2</sup> For men **will be**

**εσονται** γαρ οι ανθρωποι

Future Middle Indicative

eimí (the basic Greek verb which expresses being, i.e. "to be") – am, is. 1510 (eimí), and its counterparts, (properly) convey "straight-forward" being (existence, i.e. without explicit limits).

**1. lovers of themselves,**

**philautos: loving oneself**



**Original Word:** φίλαυτος, ον

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** philautos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (fil'-ow-tos)

**Definition:** loving oneself

**Usage:** self-loving, selfish.

5367 φίλαυτος (an adjective, derived from 5384 / φίλος, "lover" and 846 /αυτός, "of self") – properly, a lover of self, describing someone preoccupied with their own selfish desires (self-interests). It is only used in 2 Tim 3:2.

It is reasonable to assume that the first item in the list sets the tone for what follows, and that the closing one(s) will wrap it up. On this assumption the dominant motif is that people will be self-centred rather than God-centred, and this affects their relationships with other people so that they think only of their own interests and behave violently to gain their own ends. φίλαυτος\*\*\*, ‘loving oneself, selfish’, originally referred to ‘the self-respect which a good man has for himself’ (Bernard, 129), but acquired a bad sense

Marshall, I. H., & Towner, P. H. (2004). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Pastoral Epistles* (p. 772). London; New York: T&T Clark International.

In *The City of God*, Augustine wrote, “Two cities have been founded by two loves, the earthly by the

love of self, even to the contempt of God. The heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The former, in a word, glorifies itself, the latter the Lord.”

In his great theological work *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* the Swiss Reformer John Calvin said, “For so blindly do we all rush in the direction of self-love that everyone thinks he has good reason for exalting himself. There is no other remedy than to pluck up by the roots that most noxious pest, self-love.”

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1995). *2 Timothy* (p. 109). Chicago: Moody Press.

## **2. lovers of money,**

### **philarguros: loving money**

**Original Word:** φιλάργυρος, ον

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** philarguros

**Phonetic Spelling:** (fil-ar'-goo-ros)

**Definition:** loving money

**Usage:** money-loving, avaricious, covetous.

5366 philárgyros (from 5384 /phílos, "lover" and 696 /árgyros, "of silver") – properly, a lover of money (literally, silver) – i.e. someone (literally) "in love with personal gain (having money).”

(b) φιλαργυρία was singled out as the cause of all evils in 1 Tim 6:10. The adjective φιλάργυρος, ‘fond of money, avaricious’, is found elsewhere in the NT only of the Pharisees in Lk 16:14<sup>\*\*\*</sup>.<sup>7</sup>

Marshall, I. H., & Towner, P. H. (2004). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Pastoral Epistles* (pp. 772–773). London; New York: T&T Clark International.

a term which represents materialism, the craving for earthly possessions of whatever sort. It is being covetous, as the Greek word is here rendered in the King James Version.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1995). *2 Timothy* (p. 111). Chicago: Moody Press.

We have seen this is full display in that last few weeks with the Riots and looting.

Men and Women, Black and white in complete rebellion and led away by various lust and hatred.

It is magnified and the fuel has been added to the fire with the 4 main restraints being removed and dismantle.

1. Conscience Restraint.
2. Parental Restraint
3. Government Restraint
4. Church Restraint

**5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

**having** a form of godliness

Pres Act Part.

ἔΧΟΝΤΕΣ

echó: to have, hold

**Original Word:** ἔχω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** echó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ekh'-o)

**Definition:** to have, hold

**Usage:** I have, hold, possess.

having a form of godliness

**morphósis: a forming, a form**

**Original Word:** μόρφωσις, εως, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** morphósis

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mor'-fo-sis)

**Definition:** a forming, a form

**Usage:** form, outline, semblance.

**Form** comes from *morphosis*, which refers to outward shape and appearance, such as that of a silhouette, which is an undetailed outline or shadow of something. Like the unbelieving scribes and Pharisees, lovers of self are concerned only about the outward **form**, about “the outside of the cup and of the dish,” while “inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence” (Matt. 23:25). They are religious fakes, phony religionists who masquerade as Christian leaders.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1995). *2 Timothy* (p. 117). Chicago: Moody Press.

but denying its power.

What is the power.

context indicates the “Truth”

2 Timothy 3:6–10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those ....<sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to **the knowledge of the truth.**

<sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also **resist the truth**: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup> but they

will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed **my doctrine**, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,<sup>2</sup> Timothy 3:13–4:4 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, **deceiving and being deceived.** <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which **you have learned and been assured of,** knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the **Holy Scriptures**, which are able to **make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

<sup>16</sup> **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,** and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the **man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**4** I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **2 Preach the word!** Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**, but according to their own

desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;<sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

The Power is in the truth.

More particularly the power is the Gospel

Romans 1:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *“The just shall live by faith.”*

So another way of saying this verse is...

They have an external look of  
righteousness but have denied and  
continue to deny the truth that gives real  
godliness

The church has faced numerous dangerous  
seasons of denial of the Power of the truth of the  
Gospel

1. Sacramentalism
2. Rationalism

3. Ecumenism
4. Subjectivism
5. Experientialism
6. Mysticism
7. Pragmatism.

And now we are in another one.

8. Pragmatism via Social Justice.

Thomas Sowell wrote

Have we reached the ultimate stage of absurdity where some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, while other people are not held responsible for what they themselves are doing today?

According to the politicians  
Looting is not violence  
but one expressing themselves

According to the Social Justice Warriors, sin is not sin anymore, it is the expression of self.  
The only sin is Racism and it is the Original Sin of America.



The Logic of this is that there is no need to preach the gospel to the oppressed, because they are the victims.

You are the oppressor and you have no right to speak into my life.

This was expressed last week on Twitter which had 1000s of likes and retweets

A Women on Twitter

Christians: Do not treat the protests as a new mission field. Do not go to "love on people" or to lead people in prayer. Do not go to "be a Christian voice in the crowd" or to share God's love or to witness to people. Go to fight systemic racism and racial violence. The end.

Phil Johnson said

So, apparently, you can't do "social justice" and evangelism at the same time. "It's white saviorism, it's patronizing, and it's unhelpful."

Think about the implications of what this person is saying.

The Social Justice that so many have been talking about in the last few years and that is

being embraced in the church is now more than academic, it is more than a political ideology. It has taken to the streets in the forms of protest, riots looting and violence.

Demands are made, in the name of justice for the Sin of Racism.

Reparations are demanded  
History is eliminated.  
Forgiveness is obliterated  
Homage is expected.

But this is for so many in the church the means to solve the race issue. It is the new gospel The Power of God has been abandoned for the Power of men.

If we are going to have any effect on the culture we live in and we are going to see any improvement to the issue of Racism, we must as churches return to the sufficiency of Scripture and the Power of the Gospel to transform.

I read an article titled

“To fight racism, stop trying to fix people. Fix the system that supports racism.”

By  
Courtland Milloy  
Columnist  
June 5, 2018 at 5:16 p.m. EDT

The article rightly addressed some serious issue in the system where black people were unfairly targeted and arrested the corruption of the police departments it referred to but it was fundamentally flawed in that people are the problem, The system would not be what it is if it were not for the people in it.

You can change the structure and change the system but when its all said and done, you will have the same sinful people with dark hearts of racism in it.

We are addressing the symptom and not the root of the problem

I say Fix the people and the System will fix itself.

But the only way to do this is

God's Way

not man's way

So with that said lets look at what the Bible says, What is a Biblical World view regarding the topic of Racism.

## Outline

1. What is the the Biblical view of Race
2. What is the the Biblical View of Racism
3. What is the Biblical Solution to Racism
4. What is the Biblical Reality of Racism

## **Lesson:**

1. What is the the Biblical view of Race

To begin, we need to get a biblical view of Race. We need to do away with the secular view of races

“Before Darwin, the term “race” was largely a political and geographical term. People that were closely related biologically (such as the English and Irish) were considered to be separate races.

Darwin’s theory has permeated the entire globe and the teaching of evolution has really redefined the term “race.” Now, when most people think of “race,” they’re thinking of lower races, higher races, black races, red races, etc. Even the best of us at times

have struggled when we use that term. It just doesn't mean what it used to mean.”

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Even Scientifically Biologically there is only one race...the human race.

“Scientists today agree that there is really only one biological race of humans. Geneticists have found that if we were to take any two people from anywhere in the world, the basic genetic differences between these two people would typically be around 0.2 percent,<sup>1</sup> even if they came from the same people group.<sup>2</sup> “Racial” characteristics account for only about 6 percent of this 0.2 percent variation. That means that the “racial” genetic variation between human beings of different “race” is a mere 0.012 percent.<sup>3</sup> Overall, there is far more variation *within* a people group than there is *between* one people group and another. Anyone who continues to make racist distinctions does so based only on superficial, outward appearances rather than on sound scientific fact and clear biblical reasoning.”

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“The only reason many people think these differences are major is because they’ve been brought up in a culture that has taught them to see the differences this way. A scientist at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) convention in Atlanta in 1997 stated:

Race is a social construct derived mainly from the perceptions conditioned by the events of recorded history, and it has no basic biological reality. . . . curiously enough the idea comes very close to being of American manufacture.<sup>4</sup>

The American ABC news science page stated: More and more scientists find that the differences that set us apart are cultural, not racial. Some even say that the word race should be abandoned because it’s meaningless. . . . We accept the idea of race because it’s a convenient way of putting people into broad categories, frequently to suppress them . . . the most hideous example is provided by Hitler’s Germany. . . . What the facts show is that there are differences among us, but they stem from culture, not race.<sup>5</sup>

In a 1989 article in the *Journal of Counseling and Development*, researchers argued that the term “race” is basically meaningless and that it should be discarded. I agree. Because of the influences of Darwinian evolution and the resulting prejudices, I

believe that everyone (and especially Christians) should abandon the term “race.”

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Acts 17:23–29 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: <sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have

said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> Therefore, since we are the **offspring of God**, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

### Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

When it comes to defining human beings that are culturally, geographically, and politically distinct from others, missionaries use the term “people groups.” A people group is roughly defined as a cluster of human beings that are set apart from others because of their language, culture, geography, or religion. The Bible uses the Greek word “ethnos” to describe these relatively isolated groups of humanity.



He used this word “ethnos,” much like Native Americans would use the term to describe the Cherokee Nation, or the Sioux Nation. Depending on how they are specifically defined, there are between 12,000 and 24,000 people groups on earth.<sup>6</sup>

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**Original Word:** ἔθνος, ους, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** ethnos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (eth'-nos)

**Definition:** a race, a nation, the nations (as distinct from Israel)

**Usage:** a race, people, nation; the nations, heathen world, Gentiles.

1484 éthnos (from ethō, "forming a custom, culture") – properly, people joined by practicing similar customs or common culture; nation(s), usually referring to unbelieving Gentiles (non-Jews).

Revelation 7:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all **nations**, **tribes**, **peoples**, and **tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

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## tribes,

phulé: a clan or tribe

**Original Word:** φυλή, ῆς, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** phulé

**Phonetic Spelling:** (foo-lay')

**Definition:** a clan or tribe

**Usage:** a tribe or race of people.

5443 phylé (from 5453 /phýō, "to generate") – a tribe (race, lineage); the descendants of a common ancestor, like the progeny springing from Jacob (Israel).

## peoples

**laos: the people**

**Original Word:** λαός, οὔ, ὁ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** laos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (lah-os')

**Definition:** the people

**Usage:** (a) a people, characteristically of God's chosen people, first the Jews, then the Christians, (b) sometimes, but rarely, the people, the crowd.

## tongues

glóssa: the tongue, a language

**Original Word:** γλῶσσα, ης, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** glóssa

**Phonetic Spelling:** (gloce-sah')

**Definition:** the tongue, a language

**Usage:** the tongue, a language, a nation (usually distinguished by their speech).

1100 glóssa – tongue, used of flowing speech; (figuratively) speaking, inspired by God, like the evidence of tongues-speaking supplied by the Lord in the book of Acts to demonstrate the arrival of the new age of the covenant (i.e. NT times).

## Genesis 3:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

## Genesis 9:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

## Malachi 2:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Have we not all one Father?  
Has not one God created us?...

The Church needs to take the lead again. We need to let the Word speak for itself rather than filtering it through cultural and worldly thinking. This means that we need to do more than just say we believe the Bible. We need to be students of the Bible, “a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth,” as Paul says in 2 Timothy 2:15.

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We need to be clear on what the Bible says and not mislead and misinterpret the Bible has some cults have done.

One example of this is the so-called “curse of Ham.” Genesis 9:20–27 records an incident involving

Ham, his son Canaan, and the other sons of Noah at which time Noah cursed Canaan. In 1958, Bruce McConkie, apostle of the Mormon council of 12, declared:

We know the circumstances under which the posterity of Cain (and later of Ham) were cursed with what we call Negroid racial characteristics.<sup>7</sup> This was used to justify the proclamation given by the church's prophet Brigham Young that said blacks would *never* hold priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. (This "unchangeable" dictate of the Prophet was later rescinded.) In 1929, the Jehovah's Witnesses said, "The curse that Noah pronounced upon Canaan was the origin of the Black race."<sup>8</sup>

But it's not just members of the cults that try to use this passage to justify racism. Many people from mainline Christian denominations have called me on the radio and asked me about the supposed "curse of Ham."

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## Acts 17: 26

.<sup>26</sup> 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,