

TEXT: Acts 17:26

TITLE: "Overcoming Ethnic Tension" (part 2)

→ From the Bible, how can "ethnic tension" be relieved or overcome?

* We need to understand:

1. There is One Human Race
→ Acts 17:24-30
2. God Gives Life to Every Human Being
→ Acts 17:25
3. Adam & Eve are the parents of Us All
→ Genesis 3:20
4. Every Human Being is Made in the Image of God
→ Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1, 3
5. Every Human Being Has the Same Problem
→ Romans 5:12
6. The Ground is Level at the Cross
→ Romans 3:19
7. Jesus is the Answer to Our Deepest Problems
→ 1 Corinthians 15:22

8. God's W Shows L to Those Who are Different

→ Romans 5:6-8

- A. Look at the I Degree of Difference Between God and Sinners
- B. Believers Must Show the Love of Christ to Ones Different than They Are or Risk Being a L
→ 1 John 4:11
- C. Look at How Jesus Overcame E Animosity with the Samaritan Woman
→ John 4:9
- D. Note How Jesus' Love and Forgiveness Overcame P and Sin
→ Luke 7:36, 37, 39, 50

→ **TAKE AWAY THOUGHT:** Jesus is my example for loving people, even those who are different from me!

9. The Enemy Loves to Confuse, Create C, Stir up H, and Shed Blood

→ John 10:10, 1 Corinthians 14:33, James 3:13-16

- A. What does the Thief Delight to Do? He Kills, Steals & D
→ John 10:10
- B. If God Isn't about C, Who Is?
→ 1 Corinthians 14:33
- C. What Kind of Wisdom is Filled with Strife?
The kind that is earthly, sensual, d
→ James 3:13-16

→ **NOTE:** Chaos and destruction come from demonic wisdom!

→ **TAKE AWAY THOUGHT:** I need to beware of the Enemy's tactics to create chaos and destroy!

10. Hatred Comes from a Heart far away from God

→ Mark 7:20-23, 1 John 3:11-12

- A. Look at Jesus' Teaching on What Resides in the H
→ Mark 7:20-23
- B. What Can Lack of L in a Heart Lead to?
→ 1 John 3:11-12

→ **TAKE AWAY THOUGHT:** Hatred is incompatible with the Christian life!

11. Laws C Make People Love Others, but the Holy Spirit Can

→ 1 Timothy 1:8-10, Romans 8:3, Galatians 5:23

- A. The Law Convicts Us of S
→ 1 Timothy 1:8-10
- B. Laws/The Law Cannot Save or C Hearts
→ Romans 8:3
- C. God Sent His Son and T Us by His Spirit
→ Romans 8:3-4
- D. The Fruit of the Spirit is not Produced by a L nor Prohibited by Law
→ Galatians 5:23

→ **TAKE AWAY THOUGHT:** I need the filling and control of the Holy Spirit to see and love people as God would have me to.

APPLICATIONS: