

## Racism and Segregation

All people, whoever they are, spring from the same strain; all the human races share the same kind of blood (see Acts 17:26). It really doesn't matter what our nationality is, or the colour of our skin, each of us has one of four blood types (A B AB or O). I can donate an organ to anyone, whether Asiatic, or with dark skin, or white, as mine is called, and vice versa! So why would we make any distinction on the basis of nationality, physical characteristics or cultural differences?

The origin of problems raised by some on this subject can be found in the innate pride in the heart of man. The genocides recorded in human history and the recent ones of the twentieth century bear witness to how far this can shamefully lead. The false theory of evolution had fully convinced some that other races were inferior and even that some were barely human. We have to realize that it is the same thought process that leads to misjudging people on the basis of race, religion, age, social status, gender, or anything else that distinguishes them from us. Recent demonstrations round the world protesting against all such evils clearly show how widespread the problem is, rooted in pride and prejudice.

God does not see anyone that way; He is impartial. He views everyone as sinners, but redeemable as a result of providing salvation through the sacrifice of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! From this we can understand that everyone who puts their full trust in the Lord are seen as in Christ and in God. Galatians 3:28 says: *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Certainly the history of Christianity is riddled with serious violations of that truth; nothing less will stand before God; no racism, no segregation which God considers sin (see James 2:9). God loves us all, and considers us all as equals; and equally precious to the point where He gave His only Son to suffer the agony of the cross so that any and all might be saved.

So whatever your race, no matter what your language, whether man or woman, rich or poor, or whatever else might single you out from the crowd, God loves you. Even though you, like me, are not perfect and are a sinner, Jesus came into the world to save you, to save any sinner (see 1 Timothy 1:15) and *He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him. (Hebrews 7:25)*

Public demonstrations denouncing racism too often degenerate into violence, destruction of property and looting. - because some participants are also sinners just like the racists! To hate others is not of God, and it's either because of racism or some other hateful agenda. Romans 13:10 says: *Love works no ill to his neighbour.*

When God establishes His kingdom on this planet, no racism will be tolerated. In the meantime, let's be the kind of people who value each human being, whatever their condition at the moment, and view them as superior to us (Philippians 2:3). And if you are among those who have not yet taken advantage of the great salvation offered by God through faith in His Son, hurry up and do so, because having read this text right through, you have become much more responsible before God.

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