

The Biblical Response to Racism, Part 1: The First Basic Truth

What Is Racism?

Merriam-Webster (FULL): a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race

Merriam-Webster (SIMPLE): poor treatment of or violence against people because of their race; the belief that some races of people are better than others

Does Racism Really Exist?

Where Did Racism Come From?

1. Xenophobia
2. Pride
3. Greed
4. Slave Culture
5. Confusion Between Visual and Physical
6. Evolution
7. Poor Terminology
8. Trained Perspective (both ways)
9. Poor Bible Teaching
10. Ignorance of Bible Truth

What Does the Bible Teach About "Race?"

1. The word "race" is used _____ times in referring to people groups.
2. The word "race," then, is _____ a Biblical concept or term.
3. The Bible teaches that we are all _____.
 - a. All people descend from _____ & _____.
 - b. All people descend from _____ & _____.
4. The Bible teaches there is only ___ race – the _____ race.

Scripture References

Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all¹ the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Gen 5:1-2 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

Gen 9:18-19 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

Acts 17:26 NKJV And He has made from one blood¹ 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,

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