

The Christian and Racism

One would think that old prejudices based on ignorance and arrogance would be dissolved with the technology and education of today's masses. Sadly, that is simply not case. The old prejudices maintained by men of all color remains and is still intense today. There are places in the world when I was traveling regularly that I had to be very careful, simply because of my skin color. The same is true of the black man in certain parts of the world.

This continues to be a problem in the Lord's church. I have preached in East Texas and had to deal with prejudice based on skin color, **WHILE STANDING IN A BUILDING WHERE THE LORD'S CHURCH MET!** Shame on those guilty of such an attitude!

A belief in God, Christ and the Bible and the implementation of truths foundational to all three will simply leave no room for prejudice based on skin color, social status, nor any other manmade barrier erected to keep people in separate groups. We must understand that racism crosses all barriers and is not the special possession of any race. All can be guilty. May we open our hearts and minds in a study of this topic this morning.

Sermon: The Christian and Racism

1. What is Racism?
2. White Racism (Gen. 9:20-22, 25; 10:6; Josh. 9:22-27; Jdgs. 1:28; 1 Kgs. 9:20-21)
3. The Christian and Racism
4. Racism and the Bible (Matt. 22:37-39; Gen. 1:27; Acts 17:26-27; Titus 2:14; Eph. 2:11-12; Acts 2:5-11; Gal. 2:11-12)
5. Racism and Self (Jno. 10:10; Gal. 3:27-28)

P.M. – "Habakkuk"

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1. The Book of Habakkuk

A. Habakkuk's first question and God's reply (1:1-11) – "How long will this be allowed to continue?"

B. Habakkuk's second question and God's reply (1:12-2:20) – "Why are barbarians being used?"

C. Habakkuk's prayer (3:1-19)

2. Habakkuk and the New Testament

A. Hab. 1:5 – quoted in Acts 13:41 and applied to the Gentiles' inclusion in God's plan.

B. Hab. 2:4 – quoted three times (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

C. Hab. 2:14 – not quoted specifically, but by principle in Mk. 16:15-16; Col. 1:213; Heb. 8:11