

Color Blindness but Soul Seeing

Introduction

- 1. Over the past several months racism has surfaced and is front and center like never before.**

A story was told about two apples up in a tree who were looking down on the world. The first apple said, "Look at all those people fighting, robbing, rioting -- no one seems willing to get along with his fellow man. Someday we apples will be the only ones left. Then we'll rule the world."

Replied the second apple, "Which of us -- the reds or the greens?"

- 2. Racism is wrong, but why is it wrong?**
 - A. It is wrong to discriminate against a person based upon his or her race.**
 - 1) Not just because a group of people claim it's wrong.**
 - 2) Not because the government says it's wrong.**
 - 3) Not because the media claims it's wrong.**
 - B. It is wrong because there is a God and His Word declares it to be wrong.**
- 3. In this morning's lesson we will examine what the Bible says concerning why racism is sinful.**

Created in God's Image

1. **On the sixth day of creation God created male and female in His image.**
 - A. **This new creation was completely different than everything else He created.**
Genesis 1:26-27

2. **All races of people who descended from this first couple have been made in God's likeness – likeness of the divine.**

- A. **Note what the apostle Paul told the Athenians in Acts 17:**

Acts 17:28-29 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.' 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.

3. **James, the Lord's brother, would later allude to this same likeness.**

James 3:8-9 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

4. **All human beings bear the image of the divine regardless of color or ethnic background.**
 - A. **Praising God with the same mouth that you use to declare your hatred of other races is extremely sinful.**

God Only Made One Race

1. **Although people come in a variety of colors, there is only one human race.**
 - A. **Therefore, we are all related; we are blood relatives.**

Acts 17:26 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,

2. **The only human race is Homo sapiens.**
 - A. **Homo sapiens defined: "humans regarded as a species."**
 - B. **All are equal in God's sight.**

God Doesn't Play Favorites

1. **God is perfectly just and totally fair.**
 - A. **He therefore doesn't love someone more because of his skin color or nation in which he was born.**
Deuteronomy 10:17-19
2. **Peter emphasized this aspect of God's character.**
Acts 10:34-35
3. **The apostle Paul also declared this in Galatians 2:6.**
Galatians 2:6
 - A. **God doesn't judge based on what is on the outside.**
 - 1) **We are to be color blind like our Father.**

Love Is Not Racist

1. A Christian is to be characterized by love for all.

James 2:8-9 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Romans 13:9-10 For the commandments, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," "YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

A. A neighbor would include anyone and everyone.

2. Christians are to be set apart from the world.

A. There is no room for racism or hatred in our hearts.

1 John 4:20-21 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

Jesus Died for Everyone

1. Jesus died for the entire world.

John 3:16-17

A. Jesus died for every nation, every ethnic group, every color.

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

2. The gospel of Jesus Christ is for everyone.

A. We should be soul seeing – looking at everyone as precious in His sight that needs to be saved.

Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

1) Our skin color returns to the dust of the earth but every soul will return to our Heaven Father who gave it to begin with.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Conclusion

1. Let us be color blind but soul seeing like our Heavenly Father who looks on the heart. Remember Christ's important words:

John 7:24

