

Real World Real God
Anchored in Grace and Truth
United in Grace, Truth, and Love
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¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV

“The world lives in such a time of crisis. Christians alone are in a position to rescue the perishing. We dare not settle down to try to live as if things were normal.”

— A.W. Tozer

“Racism isn’t a bad habit; it’s not a mistake; it’s a sin. The answer is not sociology; it’s theology.”

— Tony Evans

“Racism is not first and foremost a skin problem it is a sin Problem. See, when you believe racism is a skin problem you can take three hundred years of slavery, court decisions, marches and federal government involvement and still not get it fixed.”

— Tony Evans

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 NLT

²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21 NLT

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

"We fail to embrace a oneness perspective rooted in kingdom theology, though, unless we, like Joshua, surrender to the truth that God's kingdom is not here to take sides. God's kingdom is not black. God's kingdom is not white. God's kingdom is not Hispanic. Nor is it Asian, Middle Eastern, or Indian. God did not come to take sides. God came to take over."

— Tony Evans

¹⁰ I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT

³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 NIV

"Our Christian faith stands fundamentally opposed to racism in all its forms, which contradict the good news of the gospel. The ultimate answer to the question of race is our identity as children of God, which we so easily forget applies to us all."

— Jim Wallis

Six Theological Principles for Fighting Racial Injustice in the Church

1. We are all created by God
2. We are all descended from the same parents
3. Every person is equally valuable to God
4. Each person is equally welcome to salvation through Jesus
5. All people will be equally valuable in eternity with Jesus
6. We are commanded to love all people unconditionally

"The Kingdom of God has a culture, but it does not have a color."

— J Aaron

"The problem with race in America is not fundamentally a problem of skin. It is a problem of sin. It is a problem in that people have not been willing to address the sin that has led to a division among skin as we hold tenaciously to our cultures. Our backgrounds and preferences are legitimate, but when they overrule God, that's when Jesus says, "You are wrong."

— Tony Evans