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# Biblical Race Theory

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# Agenda

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- Purpose, Semantics (use of word *Theory*), and Method
- What Does the Bible Say About *Race*?
- Biblical Approach to Personal, Social Interactions
- Conceptualizing Biblical Race Theory (results again)
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# Result: Biblical Race Theory

***Biblical Race Theory***—there is only one race, the human race, and members of that race should treat each other how they would like to be treated themselves.

Three elements are necessary for the existence of Biblical Race Theory:

- 1) Creator God is the central focal point of all people.
- 2) All persons understand their common lineage and equal status before God.
- 3) All persons behave in ways in which they reciprocate desired treatment.

# Purpose, Semantics, and Method

**Purpose:** to discover what biblical guidance exists concerning race and interpersonal interactions.

**Not the Purpose:** focal point is not refutation of Critical Race Theory, but, rather, the presentation of the biblical concept of race and interpersonal interaction.

**Semantics:** using the term theory only because the other concept, CRT, currently permeating the Western social conversation, uses theory in the colloquial sense.

**Method:** a qualitative method of hermeneutical analysis applied to various OT and NT texts considering their placement in history and the specific social/cultural realities existent in those texts.

# What Does the Bible Say About Race?

Scripture Reference	Teaching Summary
Genesis 1:27	God created the first human male and female.
Genesis 3:20 Acts 17:26	All humans descended from the original two humans.
Genesis 11:9 Revelation 7:9	Differences exist among humans based on geography, communication ability, and physical features.
Leviticus 19:33-34 Romans 10:11-13	Treat different people groups well because all people are of equal value to God.

*Note.* Teaching summaries are not direct biblical quotations but, rather, are a synthesis of the teachings revealed in those passages. Reference slides at the end include the passages listed above.

# Biblical Approach to Personal, Social Interactions

Scripture Reference	Teaching Summary
Exodus 20:12-17	Honor your parents. Do not murder, steal, lie, covet, or commit adultery.
Leviticus 19:18 Matthew 7:12	Treat other people the way you would like them to treat you.
Ephesians 5:22-25	Wives should respect their husbands and husbands should love their wives.
1 Timothy 5:1	Be a convincing leader rather than a condescending leader.
Titus 2:2-7	People should have self-control by being sensible, dignified, and without malice.

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# Conceptualizing Biblical Race Theory

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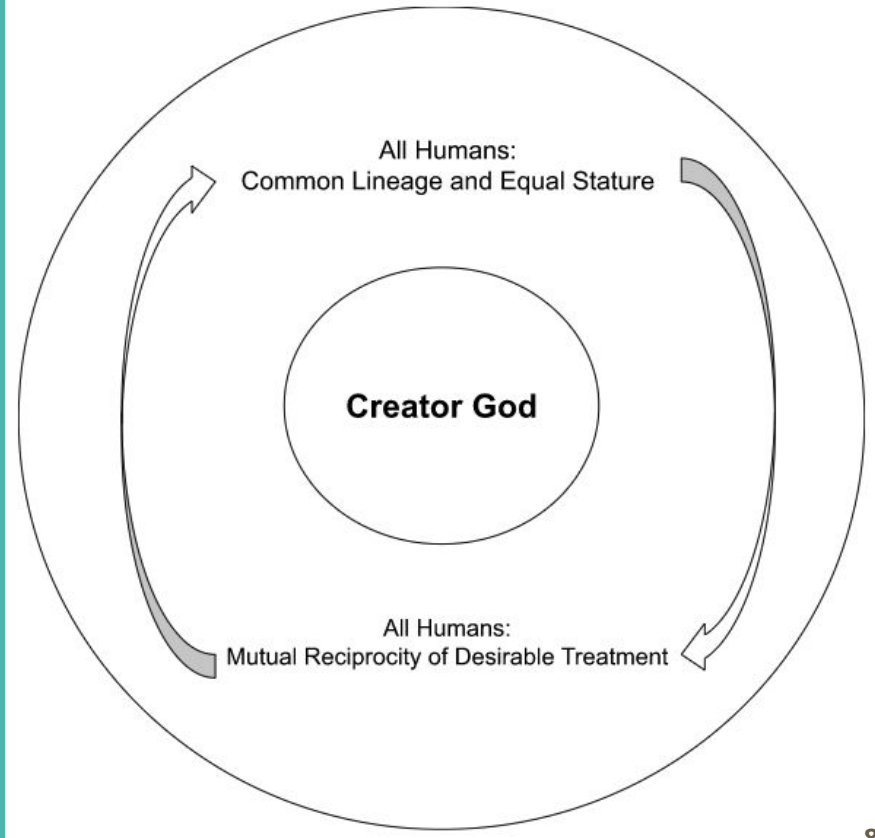
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# Conceptualizing Biblical Race Theory

Biblical Race Theory demonstrated conceptually as a never-ending circle with God in the center and all people condition their lives to center on God based on their common lineage and equal stature in His sight. The wheel also demonstrates the reciprocal nature of desired treatment where all persons treat others the way they desire to be treated.

*Biblical Race Theory Conceptualized*





# Future Research Opportunities

1. Further exploration and explanation of the typical objections to the biblical teachings on race, slavery, and the like is needed. \*I do include a section in the paper called “Objections to The Bible’s Approach to *Race*” which provides an overview of this topic, but more could be said.\*
2. Rejoinders which might provide alternative viewpoints. This author would appreciate any rejoinders to respond specifically to the following –*objectors to Biblical Race Theory would have to want people to treat each other differently than how they themselves prefer to be treated, and this disparate treatment would typically be based on some perceived differences between the individuals such as a different amount of melanin in their bodies which might produce a different skin pigmentation*–as part of their response.

# Suggestion to Share

A plea, an appeal, a suggestion to share...

- My hope is that many of you will share the website: [biblicalracetheory.com](http://biblicalracetheory.com) with others and encourage them to read the paper, watch the presentation, and then share it with others themselves.
- As mentioned, the purpose of the paper is not to directly refute Critical Race Theory, but I am hoping the paper will be useful to many as something to consider other than CRT.

# Questions / Comments / Connect

Feel free to use the 'Contact Us' link on the [biblicalracetheory.com](http://biblicalracetheory.com) website if you'd like to connect further.



# Reference Slide: What Does the Bible Say About Race?

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<b>Genesis 1:27:</b> “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”	God created the first human male and female.
<b>Genesis 3:20:</b> The first male was called Adam, and Genesis 3:20 states Adam called the first female, his wife, Eve as “she was the mother of all the living.” <b>Acts 17:26:</b> God “made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth”	All humans descended from the original two humans.
<b>Genesis 11:9:</b> God chose to confuse “the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth” <b>Revelation 7:9:</b> great multitude of people who would be worshiping God “... from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues...”	Differences exist among humans based on geography, communication ability, and physical features.
<b>Leviticus 19:33-34:</b> “When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself...” <b>Romans 10:11-13:</b> “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”	Treat different people groups well because all people are of equal value to God.

# Reference Slide: Biblical Approach to Personal, Social Interactions

Scripture Reference	Teaching Summary
<p><b>Exodus 20:12-17:</b> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."</p>	<p>Honor your parents. Do not murder, steal, lie, covet, or commit adultery.</p>
<p><b>Leviticus 19:18:</b> "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself..." Matthew 7:12: "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets"</p>	<p>Treat other people the way you would like them to treat you.</p>
<p><b>Ephesians 5:22-25:</b> Vs 22: "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord." Vs. 25: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her"</p>	<p>Wives should respect their husbands and husbands should love their wives.</p>
<p><b>1 Timothy 5:1:</b> "Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers"</p>	<p>Be a convincing leader rather than a condescending leader.</p>
<p><b>Titus 2:2-7:</b> "Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us."</p>	<p>People should have self-control by being sensible, dignified, and without malice.</p>