

THE COLOR OF GOD (2026 Revision)

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“And God created humankind in His own image; in the image of God He created them, male and female He created them.” - Genesis 1:27

We live in a world where conversations about race, culture, and identity are constant. They show up in our newsfeeds, in our politics, in our classrooms, and even in our churches. The messages we hear are often contradictory: calls for unity on one hand, warnings about division on the other. And in the middle of all this noise, many people are left wondering which voice to trust.

Racial tension is not new. Scripture reminds us in Ecclesiastes 1:9 that “there is nothing new under the sun.” Human beings have struggled with pride, fear, and the desire for dominance since the earliest pages of history. From Egypt and Rome to modern nations, groups have elevated themselves over others and claimed God’s approval while doing it.

But God does not see as we see.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord.” - Isaiah 55:8 -9

Human beings focus on the surface; skin, status, appearance. God looks deeper.

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7

Every person on earth, every race, every culture, every shade of skin, bears the imprint of the Creator. We are clay shaped by God’s hands, not accidents of biology or history.

“We are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.” - Isaiah 64:8

Modern science tells us humanity shares a common origin. Scripture told us this long ago:

“From one man He made every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth...” - Acts 17:26

If we all come from one source, then the differences we fight over are not barriers God created, they are barriers we created. And they distract us from the truth Acts 17:27 reveals: God is near to every one of us.

So what, then, is the “color” of God?

Some try to imagine God in their own image , White, Black, or otherwise, but Scripture is clear:

“No one has ever seen God.” - John 1:18

God is not flesh. God is spirit.

“Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” - John 4:24

The physical body ages, scars, wrinkles, and fades. Skin color is temporary. But the spirit, the inner character God sees, is eternal.

When Christ died on the cross, He tore down the wall separating Jew and Gentile, the deepest cultural divide of His time.

“For He Himself is our peace... He made both groups one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.” - Ephesians 2:14

If Christ could unite Jew and Gentile, He can unite Black and White, Latino and Asian, and every other group we divide ourselves into. The cross is still stronger than our categories.

So again we ask: What is the color of God?

Scripture gives the answer plainly:

“God is love.” - 1 John 4:8

If we are made in God’s image, then we are made in the image of love. Love is not bound by race, class, or culture. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy or boast. Love does not divide, it reconciles.

And if love is the essence of God, then love is the only “color” that matters.

In a world still wrestling with prejudice, Christians must remember that Christ already dealt with it at the cross. The church should be the one place where racial hierarchy has no home, where every person is seen as God sees them, through the lens of love.

The color of God is not Black or White.

The color of God is **Love**.