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Sunday:

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

*Sunday gatherings are
In-Person & Online*

Wednesday:

Bible Study: Online only on
our Facebook page.

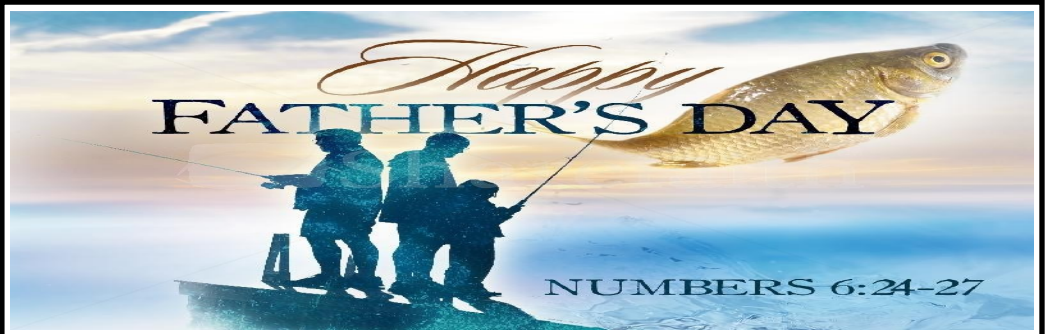
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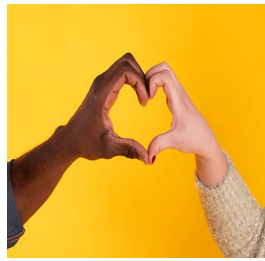
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Happy
Father's
Day!



Is Racism A Sin?



Before answering the question, it is imperative that the terms, racism, and sin be defined. First, the term racism is defined as “prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one’s own race is superior.” As important as defining the term is understanding what racism is not.

1. It is not a person of one “race” acting justly against a person of another “race.”
2. It is not a person of one “race” disagreeing with a person of another “race.”
3. It is not a person of one “race” correcting the misbehavior of another “race.”

Concerning the term sin, Biblically the term “sin” is a transgression of God’s law.

Sadly, whether ignorantly or indifferently, some have attempted to justify racism by their misuse of Scripture. However, what Scripture does show, is that racism, in any form, and by any “race,” is sinful because:

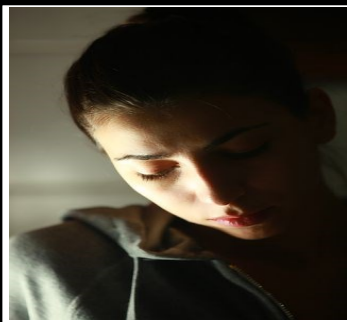
1. It goes against the character of God— Titus 2:11-12; Romans 9:15; Romans 11:22).
2. It goes against the creation by God—Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139:14; Acts 17:22-31).
3. It goes against the cause of Christ (John 10:10; Luke 19:10; John 3:16; Acts 2:22ff; 1 Tim. 2:4-5; 2 Peter 3:9).
4. It goes against the cross of Christ (Heb. 2:9-10; Rom. 5:8-17).
5. It goes against the commission of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16).

Not only is racism a sin for the aforementioned reasons, it is a sin because it is often the root of division (1 Cor. 1:10-16 cf. Eph. 2:11-16).

Essentially racism is a sin because it is rooted in hatred.

While racism is a sin, we must understand that equally sinful is unrighteously judging someone of being guilty of racism. Ironically, to promote or practice either one ultimately results in the same consequence (Romans 6:23; Matt. 25:46).

—Jamie Beller



The Bad Samaritan

“Which one?” That’s what a typical Jew in Jesus’ time would have asked about this title. To many Jewish people, all Samaritans were bad. There was no such thing as a good Samaritan. The truth, of course, is that Samaritans were like other people. Some were good and some were bad.

Although the Bible does not specifically call him “the good Samaritan,” most Christians know the story about him. But what about the bad Samaritan? Who is this person? What did this individual do to deserve such a label?

When Jesus sat down to rest at Jacob’s well, a woman of Samaria came to draw water. When Jesus asked her for a drink of water, she was surprised and said, “The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans” (John 4:9). Thus began an interesting conversation between the Lord and the Samaritan woman.

What kind of woman was she? When He told her to go and get her husband, she said she had no husband. Jesus then revealed her checkered past. “Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband” (John 4:17-18). We are not told whether her five marriages ended in divorce or death of a spouse or a combination of both. We do know her situation when Jesus met her. She was living with a man. Even by the moral standards of the Samaritans, her life had gone bad. Yet ironically we see good points about her, and the Lord brought out the good that was in her to the fullest.

Though she was living in sin, this woman was not brazen and boastful about her situation. Had she been like some women today, she would have told Jesus, “Oh, I’m, not married. I live with my boyfriend.” That response is common. Women and men talk about living in fornication as if it is normal and acceptable; They “are proud and open about the way they live when they ought to be ashamed. At least the Samaritan woman did not try to shove her sin in Jesus’ face like some today do.

This woman was guilty, but she did not resent the Lord when He corrected her. She took His correction well. When He brought to light the sin in her life, she did not get mad and storm away. That is what many today do when you expose their sins. Although she evidently did change the subject to worship, she was willing to keep listening to Jesus. When the Lord told her that the place where Samaritans worshiped was wrong, she again listened to His reproof instead of getting angry and refusing to listen (John 4:20-24). Instead, this woman who had been living a bad life did the best thing she had ever done. She went into the city and told the men, “Is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29). Because of her, many believed in Jesus (John 4:29).

We do not know what became of this woman. What we do learn is that we should do our best to reach bad Samaritans as well as good ones.

—Kerry Duke



“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.” — Jim Valvano

“A father carries pictures where his money used to be.” — Steve Martin

“When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.” — William Shakespeare

“By profession I am a soldier and take great pride in that fact, but I am also prouder, infinitely prouder, to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys.” — General Douglas MacArthur



Breaking Down The Barriers To Biblical Fellowship

There is no greater relationship on earth than the relationship that exists as a result of being in Christ. Fellowship with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and all who are in Christ, is limited by culture, by color, or by country. Unfortunately, the barriers to fellowship that were torn down by the cross (Eph. 2:12-16) are often barriers that some attempt to erect, not realizing that doing such not only is a barrier to their fellowship with God's people, it is a barrier to their fellowship with God. Why? Because to withhold fellowship from those who, being in Christ, and walking in the light (1 John 1:5-7) is itself walking in darkness. The only thing that can remove sin's barrier to fellowship with God and His people, is the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7-10). That blood, which was shed for all regardless of their culture, their color, or country. Will you choose Satan's barrier or the Savior's blood? While one will continue to build the barrier to fellowship with God, the other will break down the barrier to fellowship with God. Which will you choose? The choice you make will impact with whom you have fellowship.

—*Jamie Beller*



A Home Ruled by God

A home ruled by God is a place where we develop a heart that will help the poor, weak, and unfortunate people around you. God expects us to reach out to the weak. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." (Romans 15:1) We must protect, help, encourage and defend the helpless. In Zechariah 7:9 we read, "Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother." We must be like Job. He said, "I delivered the poor who cried out, The fatherless and the one who had no helper. The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." (Job 29:12-13) A benevolent spirit is at the heart of pure religion. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27) Let's go to heaven together. I love you. Charles Box, Walnut Street Church of Christ.

—*Charles Box*



Bible Quiz: 2 Peter 3:8-12

1. "Finally, all of you be of one __, having __ for one another..."
2. Instead of evil for evil, Peter said to instead return __.
3. True or False: You can still inherit a blessing if you take vengeance on others.
4. "He who would love __ and see __ days, let him refrain his tongue from __ and his lips from speaking __."
5. "For the eyes of the __ are on the ___..."

Solution: mind, compassion; blessing; false; life, good, evil, deceit; Lord, righteous

—*BulletinDigest.com*





Church News



Prayer List

Joanne Burke. Friend of the Patricks. Cancer.
Sibbie Byrd. Health concerns.
Drew Clifton. Prayers requested.
Velda Gearheart. West Side member. Cancer.
Laura Goupil. Recovering from recent surgery.
Robin Gootam. Recovering at home from Covid-19.
Lincoln Hicks. Child suffering with cancer.
Steve Higginbotham. Preacher in TN, cancer
Matthew Hollandsworth. Health Concerns.
Anita Hopper. Sherry's mother. Health concerns.
Barbara Kendrick. Lisa's mom. Health concerns.
Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.
Shep Knight. Child suffering with health issues.
Rita Lawless. Health concerns.
Lucy Lawson. Prayers requested.
Paul Lirette. Prayers requested.
Dennis Luther. Prayers requested.
Ruby Mason. Recovering at home from knee surgery.
Linda Moore. Rehab center in TN.
Ken Moran. Health concerns.
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.
Mary Ruth Patrick. Health difficulties.
Elaine Smith. Mother to Hilda Hollandsworth. Recovering in a rehab center in FL from a fall.
Virginia (Cookie) Spencer. Nancy's sister. Health concerns.
Mike & Crystal Surber. Health concerns Lake Dr. Mem.
Nicole Torres. Health Concerns.
Cody Williams. Health concerns.
Ronnie Willis. Rocky Mount member. Cancer.
Xander Wilson. Hodgkin's lymphoma.
Dan Winkler. Colon Cancer.
Grace Zielinska. Prayer requested.



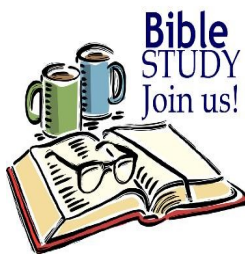
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Looking Ahead...



American Red Cross blood drive! Please donate at our next drive on **June 22, 2021**, from 1pm to 6pm. Please see **Gary, Matthew or Jonathan**, to schedule your appointment.



Join us for In-Person Sunday Morning Bible Class Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Our Wednesday evening class will remain online only.



June Birthdays

27th Shannon Thompson
28th Jace Cooley



June Anniversary

21st Paul & Sherry Lirette



POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME SUMMER COMMODITIES DRIVE!

PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO DONATE:

**FRENCH DRESSING, PORK & BEANS
SHAVING CREAM, LAUNDRY DETERGENT
& NITRILE GLOVES.**

PLEASE BRING IN ALL ITEMS BY NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 27TH



4th of July Cookout On Saturday July 3rd, 2021 At 5:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall! Burgers, Hot Dogs & all of the trimmings will be provided. Please bring can or 16.9 oz drinks!



Movie Night will be Sat., July 17th at 6:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall. Popcorn & Candy will be provided. We ask that you bring can or 16.9 oz sodas.