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- Since subjects such as this one can make people uncomfortable, I want to provide a good reminder that a wise man once said: “**There are no sensitive Bible subjects, only sensitive people**” (CRS).
- We are going to have to give an answer on the last day for how we handled and applied God’s word (**John 12:48**), so we if we aren’t comfortable talking about Bible subjects, we need to try getting more comfortable.

Racism & Prejudice

- Racism is a sin dividing the human family, blotting out the fact that man was created in the image of God (**Gen. 1:27**) and violating the fundamental principle of human dignity (**Matt. 7:12**).
- No person should be favored or discriminated against due to the color of his skin because God Himself does not discriminate in such a manner (**Rom. 2:11, 10:34; Gal. 2:6; Prov. 24:23**).

Why Preach On This Subject?

- Racism is a Bible subject (**Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 10:12**). Therefore, we must preach on it (**Acts 20:26-27**).
- Racism is a matter of eternal life and eternal death (**James 2:1, 9; Rom. 13:8-10; Matt. 7:12; 1 John 3:4**). Therefore, we must preach on it.
- People desire to marry (**Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 7:2, 27-28**). Therefore, we must preach on it.
- Some may have questions on this subject. Since race and marriage are Bible subjects, we need to let the Bible provide the answers to these questions (**2 Tim. 3:16**).

Objections to Interracial Marriage

Objection #1: “God made different races for a reason.”

- The Bible never talks about different races. It acknowledges different nations, but not different races. Why is that? **There is only one race that God made – the human race.**
 - We all descended from the one man who God created in the very beginning (**Acts 17:26, NASB**).
 - We all descended from one family after the world was destroyed (**Gen. 10:32-11:1**).
- Jesus had a perfect opportunity in **Matt. 19** to explain restrictions on interracial marriages, but He didn't.
- Paul talked about mixed marriages there in the sense of marriages between unbelievers and believers but never said anything about mixed marriages in terms of race (**1 Cor. 7**).

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Objection #2: “I’m not attracted to ____ race.”

- Do not conflate your preferences with what God has or has not said. God hasn’t said marry who you’re most attracted to, and He hasn’t said bind your personal attractions as law onto others.
- Ultimately, a child of God should want to marry someone who:
 - Loves the Lord with all their heart, soul, and being (**Matt. 22:37**).
 - Not only studies God’s Word but puts into practice what it teaches (**James 1:22-25**).
 - Strives to be imitate Christ (**1 Cor. 11:1**).
 - Leans on God when troubles come (**1 Pet. 5:7**).
 - Wants God to provide solutions to the problems of life and not let the world provide the answers (**Prov. 3:5-6**).
 - Wants to work together in pursuit of eternal life for their family (**1 Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:22-33, 6:1-4**).

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Objection #3: “The Israelites were forbidden from marrying foreigners.”

- Yes, the Israelites were forbidden from marrying foreign nations (**Deut. 7:3-4**), but why?
 - God imposed this restriction to prevent His people from succumbing to **idolatry**.
 - ❖ ...for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods... (see also **Neh. 13:26**).
 - ❖ It has always been true that “evil company corrupts good habits” (**1 Cor. 15:33**).
- There is no prohibition against interracial marriages in the Bible.

Conclusion

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ” (Gal. 3:28).

- Since God loved all of mankind enough to send His Son to die for every person (**John 3:16**), isn't it incredibly hypocritical for a Christian to look down upon a person for being in an interracial relationship since we are expected to love as God loves (**John 13:34-35**)?
- Racism in the church, or even indifference to it, must be eradicated.
 - Remember, we can be guilty of partaking in another man's sins (**1 Tim. 5:22**).
- God's word is right (**Psalms 119:160**). His word is right on this issue, so let's accept what He has said.