



**AT THE CROSS GOD
PROVISIONALLY
RECONCILES ALL
MEN TO HIMSELF
“Because” Salvation
Knows No Racial
Boundaries**

God was in Christ on the cross provisionally reconciling all men to Himself. Jesus died for every man. God provides all sinner’s opportunity to cooperate with the Spirit and come to saving faith in Christ alone.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (To be sin for us means to be the sin offering for us, the sacrifice for sin.) Jesus offered for all time one sacrifice for sins. Hebrews 10:12a. The result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. Romans 5:18b; Philippians 2:8 Jesus was obedient to the point of death. Romans 5:10b having been reconciled; we shall be saved by His life. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh. Romans 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:17a If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Our sins nailed Jesus to the cross. God allowed Himself to die a physical death in the body of His Son.

His sinless blood was the sin offering. Ephesians 5:2 Jesus gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.... 1 Peter 1:19 The Lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool, For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:12-14 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9 1 John 3:5 He came to take away sins, and in Him, there is no sin. The Eternal Son of God became Jesus. Jesus is man’s God-given substitute for Adam. Jesus is the believer’s replacement for Adam. The believer is under the authority of the Second Adam, Jesus Christ.

As through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. Romans 5:18; Isaiah 53:6b the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 1 Peter 2:22-24 He bore our sins... that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. Jesus bore our sins means that our sins were thrust against Jesus on the cross and our sin killed Him.

Each accountable person has a choice to make. The choice is to remain in Adam under bondage to the sin nature or; die with Christ, be born again of the Spirit, be “in Christ” under the New Adam, and be formed in His righteousness.

Romans 5:17 For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

God is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26b; God judicially reconciles all believers who receive Christ and become new creations in Christ. Romans 5:11 We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Judicial reconciliation comes at the moment of new birth in Christ. **WHAT THE SIN OFFERING OF CHRIST DOES** It condemns sin to its utter destruction. It provides the legal right for Jesus to remove all sin and death from Creation.

It reconciles man to God. It provides Jesus the legal right to remove sin from the believer, produce righteousness in the believer, and allow the believer to enjoy a relationship with God.

WHAT THE NEW BIRTH DOES: It gives judicial reconciliation. This is the positional relationship in Christ.

Did You Know Stone Mountain is the symbolic birthplace of the modern KKK. The original Klan, founded in 1865, had been largely stamped out by the mid-1870s after a period of aggressive federal intervention during Reconstruction. In 1915, William J. Simmons, a former Methodist preacher, launched a campaign to reestablish the group. Purportedly inspired by the film "The Birth of a Nation," a blatantly racist “historical romance” glorifying the original Klan, Simmons and a small group, at the summit, set a cross ablaze. The reestablished Klan's white supremacy ideology -- struck a chord in the South, and the group rapidly expanded. Minority communities found themselves increasingly terrorized by vigilante gangs of hooded, white-robed men.

The Real Story Behind the Confederate Flag



The Confederate Battle Flag or The Battle Flag of Northern Virginia
William T. Thompson – Creator of the Confederate Battle Flag:
As a People we are fighting to maintain the heaven ordained supremacy of the white man over the inferior or colored race...A White flag would thus be emblematic of our cause...Upon a red field would stand forth our Southern Cross. Gemmed, preserving in beautiful contrast the red white and blue.

...The worst mistake we can make now, with all the marching, the protesting in the streets, would be to demand too little. We as a nation, as a movement, must break through the lie that only small changes on one issue at a time are possible. We demand justice and will do so until we claim all of our rights, equal justice under the law, elimination of systemic racism; health care for all; while promoting people’s general welfare; ensuring employment opportunities and workers’ rights; and equal pay.

US Supreme Court rules half of Oklahoma is



Native American land: The US Supreme Court has ruled about half of Oklahoma belongs to Native Americans, in a landmark case that also quashed a child rape conviction. The justices decided 5-4 that an eastern chunk of the state, including its second-biggest city, Tulsa, should be recognized as part of a reservation.

Did You Know

The year 1915 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Monuments to Confederate and Union heroes were being dedicated all over the country. Wilson , a fan of Jim Crow laws, was president. He had allowed federal workplaces to segregate again.

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WHEN GOD GETS READY~

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We are a church family being changed by the Spirit of God into the likeness of Jesus Christ as we worship God in Spirit and in Truth. We look forward to seeing you online every Sunday and Wednesday.

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WHEN GOD GETS READY~

It's Time To Make That Change

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love." *"For God shows no partiality."* —Romans 2:11
"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him..." —Genesis 1:27
 The Bible is clear that there is no room for racism in God's plan for His people. Each person you interact with today, each one you pass on the road or in the store, every single man, woman and child is a unique creation of God Almighty. He loves them—and you—with a divine love so strong we can't possibly comprehend it.

While our imperfection, our rebellion and our sin creates a divide between us and the One who created us—and therefore a division between us and others—God formed a plan to close that gap and draw us back to Him. That plan was Jesus Christ, who heals and changes our hearts and gives us the ability to love others and God as we should. In America, the topic of race continues to be difficult to discuss in many social settings. Very few of our congregations are leading bold and courageous conversations, engaging in direct social activism, and participating in civil disobedience as a way to bring attention to and disrupt racist systems and structures.

Each congregation of the Lord's church must be the catalyst for addressing historical and contemporary issues regarding the intersections of race and racism that continues to harm communities that are of a darker shade of color. The Lord's church must step up and step out and declare, acknowledges and support the equality of all humans. It's time for us to truly begin to practice what we preach and that is to become congregations that are truly, in all its settings to be a true multicultural church. The call to be a multicultural church is an acknowledgement that racial justice is the inclusiveness of all humans and never excludes anyone based on skin color, culture or ethnic origin. Every congregation of the Lord's church must stand in solidarity with the creation narrative in Genesis 1:26-27,

which clearly outlines what matters to God—all of humankind and a just world for all. God created humankind in God's image and likeness, women and men are image bearers, sharing equal status as human beings.

God did not create race, racism, superior or groups of humans, and hierarchical and hegemonic social structures. God does not sanction human suffering including America's involvement in—

- Inhumane social confinement due to mass incarceration and surveillance of communities of color
- Global confiscation of another cultures land and resources
- Human trafficking and the enslavement and sexual violence and assault against women and children
- Deportation and the separation of families from immigrant communities
- Police brutality and militarized tactics and abuses resulting in the murder of people of color
- Using global armaments and acts of terrorism on innocent civilians domestically and abroad
- Supporting White Christian supremacy over and against non-Christian faith communities

In the Hebrew Scriptures the Psalmist tells us *"The earth and everything on it belongs to the Lord,"* (Psalm 24:1), and the Gospel of John affirms what matters to God when the writer says, *"For God so loved the world..."* in John 3:16.

Therefore the United Church of Christ believes that *"God is Still Speaking"* and those who believe so are called to *"Be the Church"* creating a *"Just World for All"*

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but the spirit of power, of courage and resolution, to meet difficulties and dangers; the spirit of love which will carry us through opposition." 2 Timothy 1:7

It's time that we ***"Open the gates of justice! I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am."*** Psalm 118:19 Our intention is to disrupt and dismantle structures and systems that perpetuate racism. Racism has no place in our world. Racism must never be taught as a Biblical principle because God did not create superior people groups and cultures. Racism should never be tolerated in worship spaces, preached from pulpits, allowed in communities, or supported by local, state, and national government leaders.

We affirm God's creation. All people bear God's image and likeness with equal status.

God desires all people be treated with dignity and respect, to live free, and move about the earth without borders, walls, and threats of separation and annihilation.

REMEMBER: Racism is a sin because it:

- * denies the very source of humanity ? the image of God in humankind;
- * destroys God's likeness in every person and thus repudiates creation and its goodness;
- * assumes that human beings are not equal before God and are not part of God's family;
- * is contrary to biblical teaching;
- * denies basic justice and human dignity;
- * is a blatant denial of the Christian faith;
- * is incompatible with the Gospel;



July Study Guide: There is only one race of people in the world. It is the human race that almighty creator God put on the Earth. **Acts 17:26**, "And God made from one (Adam) every nation ('ethnos' in the Greek; 'ethnic' is the English word. Nations are ethnicities, not races). So, God made from Adam every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times (existence) and the boundaries of their habitation, or lands (countries)." How can people call people racist when we are all from one race, the human race? What we do have is prejudice, when we look at skin color or languages or the nation we come from. We are not racist because we have different religions or beliefs. The news media today is giving out misinformation of who we are, according to their ignorance of Bible truth. And now politicians are using these terms for their ignorant political gain. Do we need to ask ourselves, "Who am I?" Well, we are all God's creation and need to respect God and one another. Yes, I also am a Christian, and if you do not like Christians, you are not a racist, you are prejudiced. In the United States, the president has denounced Mexicans as drug dealers and rapists, described some poor nations as, "shithole countries," and failed to reject an endorsement from a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan. He even went so far as to call at least some neo-Nazis, "very fine people." One might be forgiven for thinking that what his campaign slogan really meant was "Make America White Again." We must understand, there are minor differences between various groups: behavioral, physical, linguistic and so on, and most of those differences are due to one's culture and experiences, not race. Ancient Greeks, for example, never thought of themselves as "white" Greeks simply didn't think of the world as starkly divided along racial lines into black and white: that's a strange aberration of the modern, Western world, a product of many different historical forces, but in particular the transatlantic slave trade and the cruder aspects of 19th-century racial theory." The truth is that Greek legends portray themselves and their heroes as multiethnic in origin. The Egyptian Danaus became king of Argos, and his daughter, Hypermetra, was an ancestor of the greatest of all Greek heroes, Herakles (Hercules). Perseus, who slew the Gorgon Medusa, married an Ethiopian woman, Andromeda, and their children established the most powerful of all the Bronze Age Greek kingdoms, Mycenae.



Branon and Glenna Sutton are expecting their 1st child. Please keep them in prayer

**Herman Blyler * 2nd
 Caviaye Williams * 20th
 Sheryl Blyler * 21st
 Tabia Blyler * 25th**

Please welcome Canecia Searcy to the Rock Springs Rd, church family. Canecia was baptized, following our morning worship. 07/05/2020

Nelson and Alene Hare 1st



Racism is a part of our everyday lives. Where you live, where you go to school, your job, your profession, who you interact with, how people interact with you, your treatment in the healthcare and justice systems are all affected by your race. Education can teach, workshops can inform, laws can protect, but what is the defining answer to ending the notion of "racial" division? Since racism is a heart issue — a sin issue — it is one that only the truth of God's inerrant Word will overcome.

The 1921 Tulsa massacre happened following a flu pandemic, at the end of World War 1 when we had a racist in the White House, who lied about the pandemic. So we've seen this before. If you don't deal with the demon right the first time, it comes back stronger (Matt. 12:43-45).