

The Sin of Racism

Justice Series – Part 5

Scripture text – various

Introduction

- One of the messages of the modern-secular social justice movement is that all _____ people are _____.
- Such a blanket indictment isn't going to be received very well. It's a shame there can't be _____ dialogue on so important an issue.
- It is the preacher's responsibility to _____ the church on matters of sin; it is the _____'s responsibility to bring about conviction that leads to repentance.

Part 1: Identifying Racism as Sin

- The words *racist* or *racism* do not appear in the _____, not even in the so-called “_____ lists” (of which there are at least 20 in the New Testament).
- Instead, racism should be understood as a _____ or form of many of the sins that *are* mentioned in Scripture.
- A biblical definition of racism: Racism is any act of the _____ directed at a person or people on the basis of their _____ in a particular racial or ethnic group.
- This is actually a _____ definition than how the culture commonly defines racism.

Part 2: Why Racism is Sin

1. Racism is sinful because every human being is made in the _____ of God (Genesis 1:26-27).
 - This means every person is a reflection of the _____ of God.
 - To mistreat another person or to consider a person “less than” on account of their race or ethnicity is to _____ God's glory.
 - To be racist is to _____ on God.
2. Racism is sinful because the judgment at _____ (Genesis 11) was reversed by the blessing on _____ (Acts 2).

- At Babel, humanity was divided into _____ that cannot _____ each other. The differences and lack of understanding often result in _____.
- On Pentecost, God again came down and reversed the Babel judgment.
- The global church is comprised of people from every _____, who all understand the same _____, and who all have the capacity to truly _____ one another.
- To practice racism is to move in the direction of the _____ at Babel instead of the _____ on Pentecost.

3. Racism is sinful because history concludes with one _____ yet _____ people (Revelation 21).

- All races & ethnicities will be _____ in the consummated kingdom.
- Each will bring their “_____” into the capital city, which is their unique _____.
- However, each nation will _____ their earthly glory and there will be absolute _____.
- To practice racism is oppose God’s design for _____.

Conclusion

“As Christians, we must reject _____ and do what we can to _____ it and then to bring the _____ to bear upon it, not because we love pats on the back for our moral outrage, but because we love _____ and submit ourselves to the _____ of his Word.” (Kevin DeYoung)