

## SERMON HANDOUT for April 23, 2023



### Sermon Series: The Elephant In The Room “WHAT ABOUT THE COLOR OF MY SKIN? (RACE & RACISM)”

1 Cor. 12:13-14; Eph. 2:11-18; Gal. 3:28-29 NKJV

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#### Quote for the Week

“He who despises the Word will be destroyed,  
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.”

Proverbs 13:13 NKJV

#### INTRODUCTION

##### “THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM” - Purpose of this Sermon Series

The expression “**the elephant in the room**” is a metaphorical idiom in English for an important or enormous topic, question, or controversial issue that is obvious or that everyone knows about but no one mentions or wants to discuss because it makes at least some of them uncomfortable and is personally, socially, or politically embarrassing, controversial, inflammatory, or dangerous.

Origins: In 1814, [Ivan Krylov](#) (1769–1844), poet and fabulist, wrote a fable entitled "The Inquisitive Man", which tells of a man who goes to a museum and notices all sorts of tiny things, but fails to notice an elephant. The phrase has become proverbial.

##### Motivation for this Series

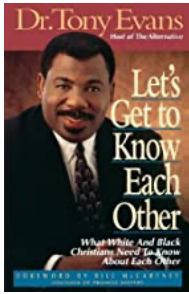
† Luke 4:16-22 NJKV

† 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 NKJV

##### Intent of this Series

- **Intent** - to share the Spirit of the Letter.
- **Goal** - that you would experience the life that God has for you.
- *Too often* - Church guilty of focusing so much on the letter of the law, that the love of the God of the Law is not expressed or seen.
- God wants you to know where He stands on these issues,
- His intent is not to condemn but to warn
- God gives you knowledge to know what to choose and what not to choose.
- **Mistake** - assume that we should not incur consequences.
- **Truth** - What we Sow we will also reap.
- **Truth** - Consequences are non-negotiable...

Book of the Month:



***Let's Get to Know Each Other:  
What White And Black Christians  
Need To Know About Each Other!***

Dr. Tony Evans

## SCRIPTURES

† 1 Corinthians 12:13-14 NKJV

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† Ephesians 2:11-18 NKJV  
- Gentile – means “non-Jewish.”

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† Galatians 3:28-29 NKJV

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