SERMON HANDOUT for March 3, 2024



REMEDIES for RACISM

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that!

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that!

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

CLARIFYING DEFINITION – What Racism Is

Racism consists of **two** components:

- 1) **PREJUDICE** (thinking or cognitive)
- 2) **DISCRIMINATION** (behavior or actions).

 By definition, the behavior or action component consists of **power** to deny access to resources to something that other folks have or may want (e.g., education, health care, housing, food).

An individual can be a bigot, prejudiced etc., without being a racist.

But it is difficult to have power to deny access without being prejudiced and consequently a racist.

- † John 13:34-35 NKJV
- † Acts 10:28 NKJV
- † Acts 10:34-35 NKJV
- † Acts 4:12 NKJV
- † Romans 10:12-13 NKJV

INTRODUCTION

Four Ingredients to Remedy Racism in the Human heart. (in turn will remedy racism in our country, communities, and cities).

THERE MUST BE A CHANGE IN...

1) Motive (Direction) - John 13:34-35 NKJV

- a) The Imperative...... A New Commandment
- b) The ImitationAs I have loved you
- c) The IntentAll will know that you are My...

2) Mindset (Solution) - NO Partiality - Acts 10:28 NKJV; Acts 10:34-35 NKJV

- a) Avoid (break) Stereotypes (10:28)
- b) Adopt God's Perception (10:34)
- c) Acquire (recognize) Conditional Acceptance (10:35)

OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX!

3) Manner (Salvation) - Acts 4:12 NKJV

- a) 2 Peter 3:9 NKJV
- b) Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV
- c) We avoid the culture shock of Heaven by coming together now in Church! The Church is a display of what Heaven is like on earth!!!
- d) Salvation is intended to remove our previous prejudices.

4) Method (Invitation) – Should be NO Distinctions on earth - Romans 10:12-13 NKJV

- We are to PROMOTE God's Impartial Invitation
- † Revelation 3:20 NKJV
- † John 1:12 NKJV
- † 1 John 5:11-13 NKJV
- † Romans 10:9-10 NKJV tells us how... (with the mouth confession is made unto salvation).

CONCLUSION