



Racism in the Church?

This topic has been unfolding at Christian conferences everywhere. It is now to the point where we must confront our comfort zone and discuss this. But is it being addressed rightly and biblically? It seems that the church has taken the worlds approach on this issue rather than a biblical approach. Some have even gone as far as to say if you are white you must be repenting for what your grandparents did. Did you catch that? Theologians are claiming, in their own unique way, that you are accountable for someone else's sin! Now racism is active and alive. I have no argument with that. But not only is alive and well against people of color, it is alive and well against white people. Or else theologians would not be telling white people to repent for what their ancestors did. This form of racism, racism from white people, is ignored. The approach from these Christian conferences has been "we have to fix this area" then move on "and work on this area". The church was not called to "fix areas" but rather preach the gospel. If you want to battle racism, do it through the proclamation of the gospel. But if racism is an issue in your ministry or in your life, you have worse problems than just racism. You have hate in your soul. Hate towards another man which Jesus rightfully preached is equal to murder (Matthew 5:21-22). But what is worse, you have hate towards God and His sovereignty in that you hate what he created and what he called good. I also don't think anyone should pretend like skin color does not exist but rather embrace our diversity instead of segregating it or pretending its not there. But one thing is for certain, racism, towards black, brown and white, can never be tolerated in the church or by the church. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:28, ESV)

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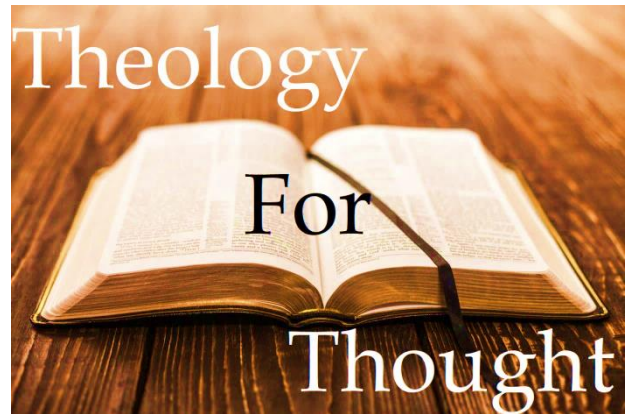
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That's Not Fair

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23, ESV) Really, chapter 3 should be looked at in all its context. Not only does Paul argue that we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, he also says there is not one who seeks after God. Paul is arguing that we are all law breakers. And those who break the law must answer to the judge. But for those of us who have placed their trust in Jesus, it is He who represents us in a court of God. We have someone who has answered for that sin already by placing our sins onto himself; the perfect sacrifice. When we think about that, that is not fair. Let me explain; the word fair does not mean equality, as we like to think of it today, it means just and right. Or in other words, justice. So, if we are lawbreakers, what do we deserve? Wrath, right? Hell. Heaven is not owed to you, grace is not owed to you. If



grace is owed to you it is no longer grace. This means that the only thing we deserve is wrath.

*“but God shows his
love for us in that while
we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8, ESV)*

Which then means that everything you have is a gift of grace by God. A loving spouse, kids, grandkids, parents and other family members. Oh, it goes far beyond just our loved one's; every single kiss, hug, feeling of love, laughter, joy, all the way down to the simple breath you take is a gift you never deserved. Yeah, its not fair you have so much goodness in your life. This is why we call it amazing grace, amazing love and amazing mercy.



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