

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT RACISM

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matt. 28:18-20 (NIV)

Prejudice: noun. 1. A. An adverse judgment or opinion formed beforehand or without knowledge or examination of the facts. B. A preconceived preference or idea; bias.
The American Heritage Dictionary

As believers in Christ, we each are ...

- A PROPHET to Society (Zech 1:3)
- A PRIEST to Sinners (2 Cor. 5:20)
- A PARTNER to Saints (Gal. 6:1)
- A PERSON in need of God.

"For I want you always to see clearly the difference between right and wrong, and to be inwardly clean, no one being able to criticize you from now until our Lord returns."
Phil. 1:10 (TLB)

"Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers 'Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.'" Acts 15:1 (NIV)

The attitude behind all prejudice

Why aren't YOU exactly like ME?

I. GET INFORMED

"The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad."
Acts 15:3 (NIV)

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II. GET TOGETHER

"When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them." Acts 15:4 (NIV)

III. GET A LEADER

"After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them ... 'He made no distinction between us and them, for He purified their hearts by faith.'" Acts 15:7, 9 (NIV)

Before Peter could lead OTHERS out of prejudice, he had to deal with HIS OWN prejudice.

"Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.'" Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)

Where do we need leadership:

- In our country.
- In our BUSINESS
- In our SCHOOLS
- In our FAMILIES
- In our CHURCH

IV. GET A DECISION

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God." Acts 15:19 (NIV)

Two ways to break through prejudice:

The WAY of MANKIND : The result is PRIDE.

The WAY of CHRIST : The result is PEACE.

Look at Ephesians 2

"It was also Christ's purpose to end the hatred between the two groups, to make them into

