

The Name: Jesus, Lord of All

Acts 17:26-27

²⁶and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us

Revelation 7:9-10

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; ¹⁰and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

In between creation and eternal glory, the nations of men will experience an ongoing collision of cultures.

These sinful tensions certainly do touch the church, but the antidote is in the blood of Christ!

Ephesians 2:13-16

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups* into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

Enmity between people groups is abolished in Christ. We are One New Man in Jesus. We are reconciled in His cross.

First of all, He humbled our proud hearts by shutting all people up **equally** under sin.

Galatians 3:22

²²But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Romans 3:9

⁹What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin

Then, He lifted us up out of our humiliation when He offered redemption to all men **equally** through faith in Jesus.

Romans 10:12-13

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Colossians 3:11

¹¹*a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

In the world, there are distinctions without a difference. In Christ, there are differences without distinction!

Galatians 3:27-28 ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The church is called by Christ Himself to usher the culture of the Kingdom of God into the world as a force for good.

For the church to usher in the culture of the Kingdom, we must reject the current Social Justice movement, which is implicitly selfish and divisive.

That train never gets to God's destination- it's on a totally different track.

James 4:1

⁴ What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

2 Corinthians 5:15

¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

For the church to usher in the culture of the kingdom, we must refuse all distinctions based on sex, class, and race.

John 3:6

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

When we engage in the isolating rhetoric of "identity politics", we have entered the realm of the flesh and abandoned that which is truly spiritual.

For the church to usher in the culture of the Kingdom, we must reject all talk of reparations and begin to pay the only debt that every man truly owes.

Romans 13:8

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.

Romans 14:10

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

All men will be judged **equally** at the throne of Christ. Are we ready for Christ to judge us by the same standard we have used to judge others?

For the church to bring the culture of the Kingdom, we have to speak truth to one another without fear of offense.

Ephesians 4:25

²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one *of you* with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

1 John 5:4

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.