

RACISM

Is there a cure?

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Acts 10:34-35

Racism is the fabric in a person's **HEART**. The source of racism comes from the values a person believes. The actions of racism comes from the perspective of a person's life.

The way people see things will determine how they move. When people see another race as inferior they will treat them based on how they **SEE** them. **PERSPECTIVE**, **PERCEPTION** and **VISION** controls the influence of racism.

Racism cannot be cured with legislation. Legislation compresses racism by keeping it regulated through consequences. Racism cannot be cured by protesting. Protesting makes others aware of your plight. Racism

cannot be cured with humanitarian acts. Doing kind deeds helps people while in need.

The only cure for racism is for people to **CHANGE THEIR HEART**. Until a person decides to change their heart their views, values and beliefs will not change. As people make the **INDIVIDUAL CHOICE** to change their view on racism that is when society will see a decline in racist actions.

Acts 10:34-35 says, "Peter began to speak: "I really understand now that to God **EVERY** person is the **SAME**. In every country God accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right."

In the eyes of God **EVERY** person is the same. Your skin color, ethnic background or nationality does not make you different under the eyes of God. The only separation God considers to be acceptable is the split between evilness and righteousness.

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR HEART?

In order to change your heart you have to change the way you **SEE PEOPLE**. Your vision influences your decision! When white people see black people as animals and thugs they will treat them as such.

Romans 2:11 says, "For there is no respect of persons with God." God is not racist. He is not biased. If you agree that we are made in His image and likeness then you have the ability **NOT** to be racist.

The Lord sees people as a soul. That perspective allows Him to be color blind and judge people from the content of their character. If you adopt this same model you can **INSTANTLY** stop being racist.

**RACISM IS NOT A LIFESTYLE.
IT IS A DECISION.**

Judging character and not color is how we can fairly critique people without being biased. Dr. King said it best

in his I have a dream speech. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their **CHARACTER**."

WILL RACISM END?

That is the million dollar question no one can answer. Racism is an issue of the heart. Until every racist person change their heart, we cannot eradicate racism. However, if each person takes responsibility to see people for **WHO THEY ARE** and not what color they are we will make significant progress.

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