

GRACE & RACE

God's Word - God's Love - God's Path

Session 4

PANELIST:

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TOPIC: "STAYING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF JUSTICE"

"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

The National Cathedral, March 31, 1968.

KEY SCRIPTURE(S):

GAL. 6:7-10; LUKE 12:47,48; AMOS 5:21-24; EXODUS 20:15; 21:16

KEY QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- **So if we are all one race, what then is racism?**

"Racism, as I understand the term, is the perpetuated lie that there are different races of people, some more important or valuable than others. This is an evil thought (Mark 7:21), sinful partiality (James 2:1-13) and hate (1 John 2:9-11; 1 John 3:15)."

Pastor Joe Kappel, *WPBC Blog 06/16/2020*

Historic perspective on Racism:

The Darwinian Theory of Evolution led to the social construct of "race" based on the premise that certain people group were genetically inferior. This led to all kinds of practices including the "One-Drop Rule" deployed by the US Census to classify people into racial groups.

Sin "creeps" into our culture:

A traditional Jewish men at the beginning of the daily morning prayers:

"Blessed are you, Lord, our God, ruler of the universe who has not created me a Woman or a Gentile."

- **Why is Justice Important to God?**

A Letter from the Birmingham Jail – A Contemporary Critique: Staying on the Right Side of Justice:

- An Appeal for Law and Order and Common Sense – Jan. 16, 1963
- Thanksgiving Sermon – Dr. Benjamin Morgan Palmer, Nov. 29. 1860

- **The "Ripple" Effect of Systemic Injustice and Racism – How will we be judged?**