

Twelve Reminders On Racism

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Unless you have been living under a rock for the past couple of weeks, you are probably aware of the immense discussion taking place in our nation regarding the subjects of race and racism. On August 11-12, 2017, multiple racist acts took place at a rally in Charlottesville, VA. Nazi flags were proudly waved, swastikas were worn, KKK imagery was present, and racist threats were screamed. Tragically, one lady ended up losing her life, and over thirty-eight people were injured. Due to these sad realities within this country, I want to give us twelve simple and quick reminders on racism.

1. Remember that God has created all people after His very own image (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; James 3:9).
2. Remember that all 7.4 billion people on this globe originated from one couple named Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26).
3. Remember that Jesus died for all people, not just those who look like you (John 3:16; Romans 6:10; II Corinthians 5:15).
4. Remember that God shows no partiality on the basis of ethnic lineage or national ties (Acts 10:34-35; 15:9; Romans 2:11; 3:29; Galatians 2:6).
5. Remember that judging based on appearances is evil and sinful (John 7:24; James 2:1-4). In accordance with this command, don't let people make you feel guilty of being racist simply because you have a specific skin color.
6. Remember that we are to love our neighbors, which is the exact opposite of a racist mindset and lifestyle (Matthew 22:37-40; I John 4:19-21).
7. Remember to take the time to listen and try to understand where victims of racism are coming from,

in order to better help them (James 1:19; Proverbs 18:17).

8. Remember that Christians need to condemn racism just as much as any other sin, for Jesus and the apostles often spoke out against the racism going on in their first century world (Luke 10:25-37; John 4:7-26; Romans 3:9; 10:11-12; Galatians 2:11-14).

9. Remember to never allow your political party to keep you from speaking out against sin. No matter where you align politically, never make racism a partisan issue. Racism is a sin issue and will always be one (Psalm 119:89; I Peter 1:24-25).

10. Remember to examine yourself to see if any of the words you say or practices you live could cause a brother or sister of a different race to stumble (Romans 14:13-23; I Corinthians 8:13).

11. Remember to shine the light of Christ in your community in order to help stop racism (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16). The best way for people to repent of this horrible sin is by us being an example of love, individually reaching out to racists and teaching them the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16).

12. Remember that Jesus is not a racist, but He does have a chosen race (I Peter 2:9-10). His race is the spiritual race of the church, made up of people from all different kinds of ethnic backgrounds (Acts 10:34-35).

I have confidence that many of us know each of these reminders and live without any racist thoughts in our hearts. But just as the apostles reminded their hearers of certain truths, it is good for us to be reminded of certain truths, as well (I Corinthians 15:1; II Peter 1:12). May we each strive to keep these reminders close to our hearts and help vanquish any racism around us!

Luke Yates



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Charles Collinsworth Sr., Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

- Pat Risley is in rehabilitation at Medicalodge for her broken pelvis.

Sympathy: We give our heart felt sympathy to Maddie Van Dorn in the loss of her grandfather, Elick Garren, who passed away last Friday.

Hillcrest Family, Thank you so much for all the visits, words of encouragement, and prayers on our behalf. Thanks also for the wonderful food supplied to us. It was such a BIG help to Vera and I following my surgery. Thanks also to our young in training. To Colby Daniels for his brownies and to Annie Flint for her cookies. You all are very special to us.

Wayne and Vera Douthitt

Welcome: We welcome Joe and Mellisa Moreno, and their two children Charity and Zachary, to the Hillcrest congregation. They have recently moved here from Houston, Texas. Their address is: 13198 Hwy 59, lot A. You can reach Joe at (281) 608-9106 and Mellisa at (832) 691-9774.

Take note: If you would like to reserve the new or old fellowship rooms for an event, be sure to check the office calendar to make sure nothing overlaps.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Locking Sin's Triggers, Part 4*
(Danny Boggs)
P.M. *Hosea In The New Testament: Mercy, Not Sacrifice* (Luke Yates)

Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need. Please be sure to give Luke names of people who you know that could benefit from this offering.



Show-Me Youth Conference! See Luke if you are going to the Show Me Youth Conference in Conway this Saturday. We will leave at 11 a.m. and return around 9:30 p.m.

Baby Shower: We're celebrating Tucker and Abby Anderson's coming baby boy Beckett with brunch at Karen Honeycutt's home this Saturday at 10 a.m. Abby is registered at Babies 'R Us and Target.

Wedding Shower: Everyone (men and women) is invited to a post-wedding shower for Jacob and Shelby Costello this Sunday at 2:00 in the new fellowship room. We will present them with a money tree in lieu of gifts. Please give money to Vera Douthitt or M'ile Cook.



Would you like to build a friendship with a couple married 25 years or more and learn from them how to make your marriage stronger than ever? See Danny to get involved in our **12 Conversations marriage ministry**.

Lads to Leaders Kickoff! We will kick-off our new Lads to Leaders season this Sunday in the fellowship building after morning services this Sunday. Please bring \$2 per person, for the cost of pizza for lunch. If you are able to bring a drink or dessert, please let Andrea know. Please be thinking about what events you will have each of your children participate in. Also, be thinking of the events you would like to help with.

Neosho Christian School Fish Fry: NCS is hosting a fish fry with live bluegrass music September 9 at 5 p.m. The live music will begin at 6 p.m. Donations only at the door, and will benefit the Neosho Christian School. This event will be hosted by Larry Dodson.

Mark Your Calendars! Hillcrest Ladies' Retreat October 20-22 in Garfield, AR.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 27

- AM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- AM Closing: Elijah Boggs
- PM Opening: Jonathan Keith
- PM Closing: Todd Murray

Wednesday, August 30

- Opening: Sam Collinsworth
- Closing: Josh King

RECORDS	08-22-17	08-21-16
Bible Study	143	135
AM Worship	190	209
PM Worship	123	124
Wednesday	132	126
Contribution	\$7,536.20	\$6,772.19
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67