



## Correcting Discrimination

### You Are One of a Kind in Your Physical Birth

***“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings...”*** (Acts 17:26)

1. A great contentment is found in accepting yourself: birth time, country, city, socio-economic, nationality, color, gender, parents, personality, looks, etc..
  - a. Our identity is unique: DNA, retina, voice prints.
  - b. Ten unique fingerprints and ten unique toe prints that develop in the womb.
2. God broke the mold with you, even if you are an identical twin.
3. Children all have different desires. Turn them loose.
4. You didn't not choose any of these. Why are you then inferior or superior to anyone over something you had no choice in.

### How Deep is Your Nationality and Color?

***“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— “*** (Ephesians 2:11)

1. Nationality and color are as deep as your skin (.05 in.)
2. Anything below your skin can be used by others of any nationality.
  - a. Blood
  - b. Bone marrow
  - c. Heart
  - d. Liver
  - e. Kidneys
  - f. Eyes
3. It is stupid to say you do not want blood, corneas, or heart from a black, white, Hispanic, oriental, male, or female, uneducated.

4. You can only use your own skin as a graft. Jesus did not shed his skin for us, but His blood.

#### **There Are No Races, Colors, or Gender in Christ**

***“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*** (Galatians 3:26-28)

#### **There Are No Races in Heaven**

***“And they sang a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...”*** (Revelation 5:9)

#### **The Early Church’s Answer for Racism**

***“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”***

***And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.***

***Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”*** (Acts 6:1-7)

1. Racism can be found in believers in church.
2. The church leaders did not dispute the findings.
3. You need to put yourself in another’s shoes.
4. The church at Jerusalem was made up of mainly Jews.
5. They told the people to find seven men to do the duties.
6. The top priority was:
  - a. Good reputation.
  - b. Full of the Holy Spirit.

c. Full of wisdom and the word.

7. Race was not mentioned, but all seven were Greeks.
8. As long as a candidate has a good reputation, prays with tongues, and studies, and applies the word, God does not care what nationality or color they are.
9. It is alright to fill your positions with different races, colors, men and women, old or young.