

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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**Invites you to attend Bible Study Wednesday
Evenings at 5:30 PM**

Race, Racism and the Bible

The Bible's teachings on race and racism emphasize that all people are created equal in the image of God and should be treated with compassion. The Bible also teaches that the Church should reflect the diversity of heaven in its membership and mission.

Any serious biblical study of race or ethnicity should start in Genesis 1. The Bible does not start off with the creation of a special or privileged race of people. When the first human being is created he is simply called *Adam*, which is Hebrew for "humankind." Adam and Eve are not Hebrews or Egyptians; they are neither White nor Black nor even Semitic. Their own particular ethnicity is not even mentioned, for the Bible seems to stress that they are the mother and father of all peoples of all ethnicities. Adam and Eve are presented as non-ethnic and non-national because they represent all people of all ethnicities.

This reality provides a strong starting point for our discussion of what the Bible says about race. The dignity and the equality of human beings are traced in Scripture to our creation. To imply that one's own race or ethnicity is superior to someone else's is a denial of the fact that *all people* are created in the image of God.

I encourage you to join me as we celebrate Black History and learn more about God's view on Race, Racism and the word of God.

See you at Bible Study