

HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT ON RACISM FROM THE ELDERS

Racism is the sinful belief in the inferiority or superiority and/or the mistreatment or benefit of people based on the color of their skin or ethnicity. Racism is a sin because it is rooted in hatred toward an image bearer of God, and rebels against God's biblical commands. It places man in opposition to God the Creator and so brings condemnation on the sinner. Like all sins, racism is natural to our fallen world which is cursed by sin, and God is the only one that can provide forgiveness and deliverance from racism. There is no other solution which will rid mankind of this sin.

As believers we must reject the sin of racism and guard our hearts against it. The following resources are meant to be a helpful aid for our members, fostering our love for the brothers and sisters, spurring our compassion for the lost, urging personal pursuit of holy and righteous living and guiding our hearts and minds in prayer.

Because the elders of Heritage Baptist Church believe that Scripture is the final authority on the nature and state of man, we want to be clear that the purpose of these resources is not to endorse particular authors. We also acknowledge that, as they seek truth from God in the Scriptures, not every believer may come to all these same conclusions as these authors have. Please pursue the truth of God through the revelation that he has provided in the Scriptures, and the elders welcome any questions you may have as you do so.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

VIDEOS:

Is Critical Theory Biblical? by Joseph Backholm of *What Would You Say?*
<https://breakpoint.org/is-critical-theory-biblical/>

Race, Rage, Justice #George Floyd and the Gospel
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz0_IjilETs

Defining Social Justice: Voddie Baucham
<https://youtu.be/YFNOP2IqwoY>

ARTICLES:

The Statement on Social Justice & the Gospel
<https://statementonsocialjustice.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/SSJG-FINAL.pdf>

Biblical Christianity vs Critical (Race) Theory by Phillip Mast
<https://freethinkingministries.com/biblical-christianity-vs-critical-race-theory/>

