

A pair of bright yellow rubber boots is shown stepping into a pool of water. A large, energetic splash of water is captured mid-air, with many droplets visible. The boots are reflected in the dark, rippling water below. The overall scene is dynamic and celebratory.

Philippians

Finding Joy...

Right Where You Are

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The Perfect Storm



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¹ Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

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³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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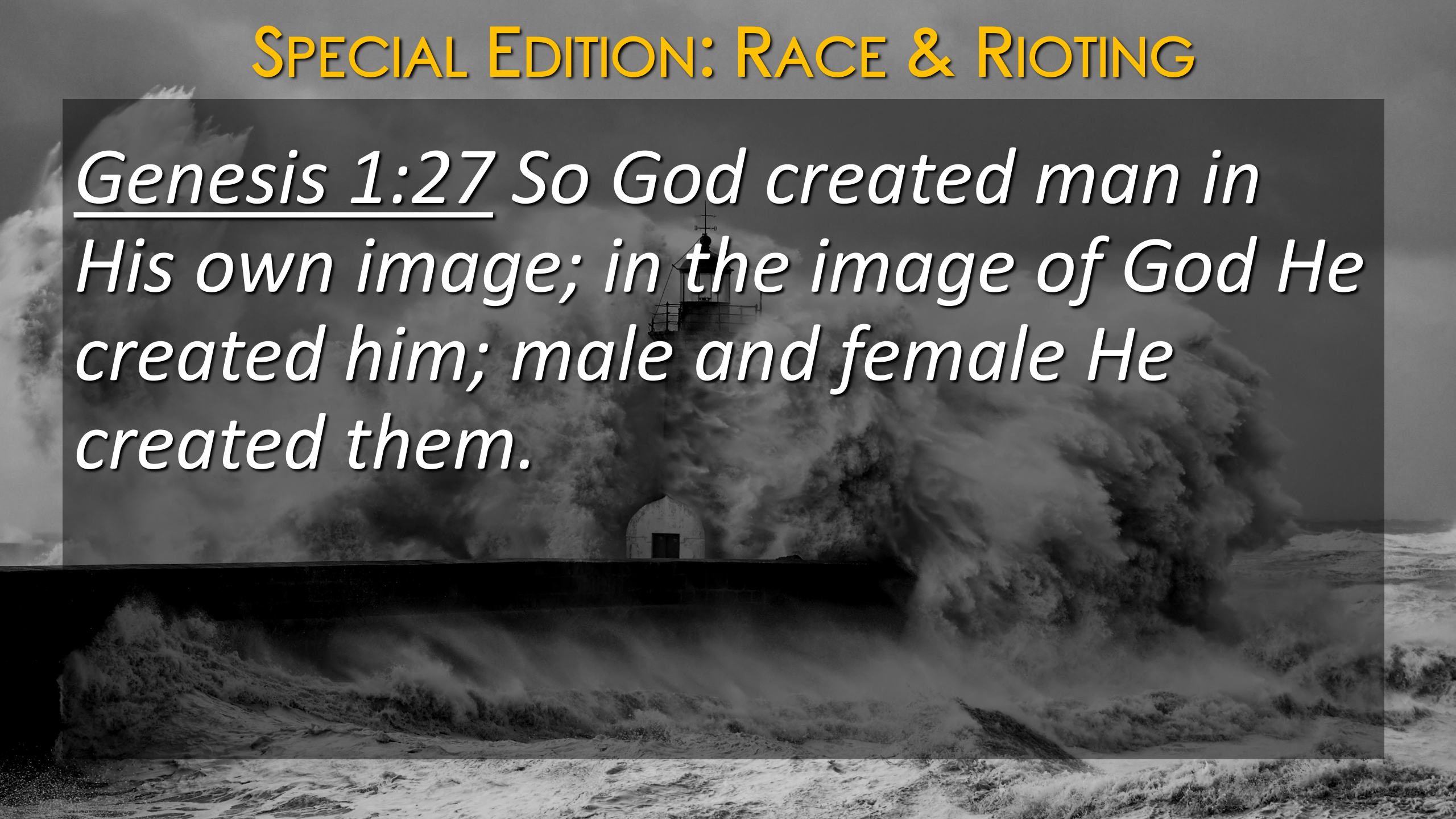
Tim Keller “The Bible and Race.”

<https://quarterly.gospelinlife.com/the-bible-and-race/>

(link on website, and in chat room after message)

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Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*



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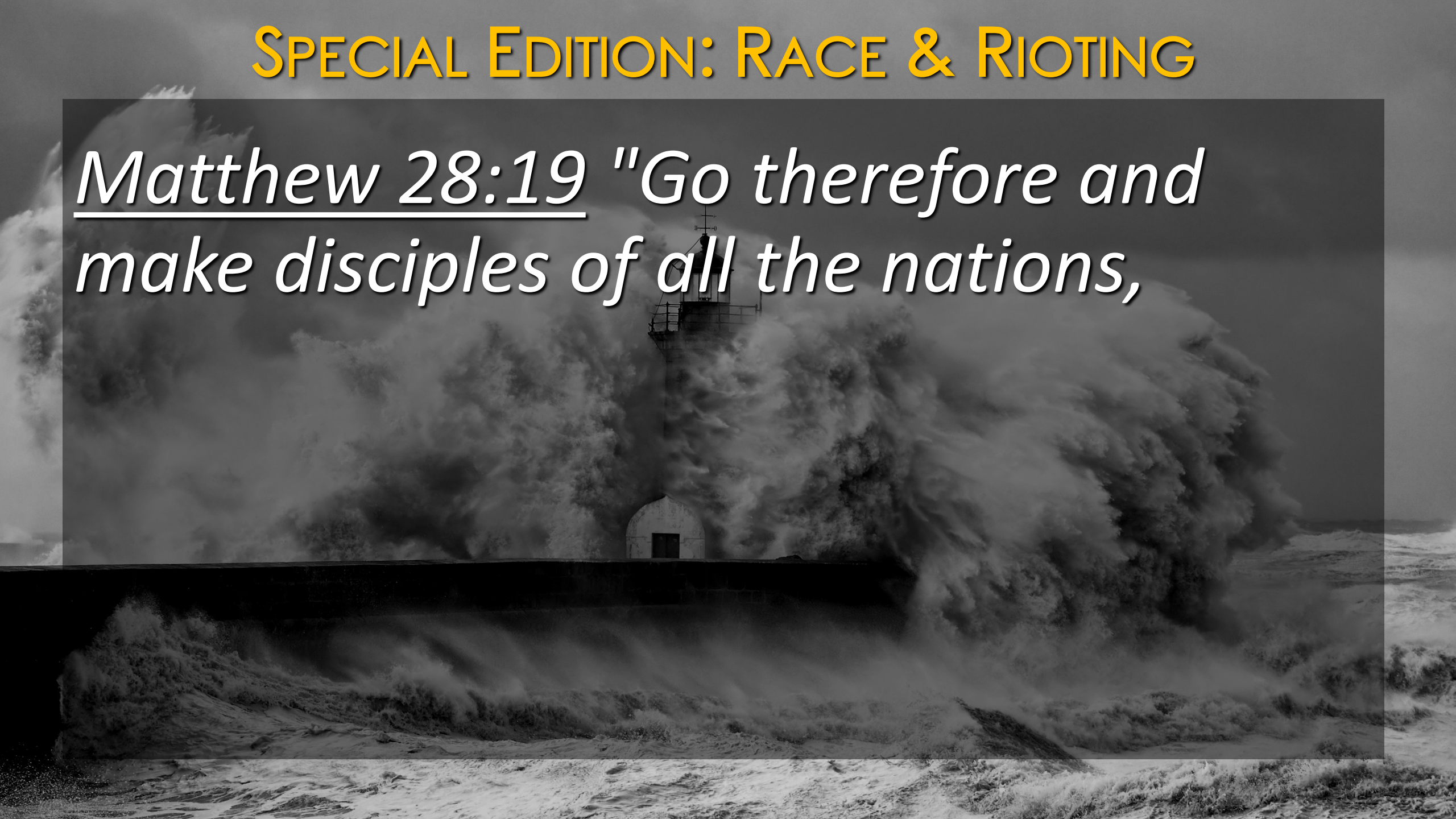
Acts 17:26 *"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*

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Genesis 12:2-3 *I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

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Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and
make disciples of all the nations,



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Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter started speaking: "I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, ³⁵ but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him.

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Revelation 7:9 *After these things I looked, and here was an enormous crowd that no one could count, made up of persons from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb dressed in long white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.*

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Galatians 2:14-16 *When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"*

¹⁵ *"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles*

¹⁶ *know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.*

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“Christians who fall into racism are continuing to trust in works-righteousness in at least one part of their lives. Their hearts still oppose grace and seek to find ways of self-justification. They try to devise ways to feel superior, more acceptable, and better than others . . . and they use their racial characteristics to do so.”

Tim Keller

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Galatians 3:28

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.

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Summary

1. There is only one race. (human race)
2. Jesus died for that race.
3. Racial reconciliation must be based on and motivated by the gospel.

Continuing the Discussion

- Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- Take some time this week to read articles or watch videos that would help you understand a different perspective.

