REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

Colossians 3:1-11

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Context

Reasons to answer, "What about Christians and racism," include a kind of default racism, unspoken assumptions, and a lack of ethnic diversity in our church. The Gospel demands that we die to ourselves, our own natural ways of thinking and acting, and so the Gospel must drive our view of ethnicity as it does all else. The Gospel is the greatest antidote for and argument against racism.

Main Points

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1. The Gospel demands a biblical view of man
    a. All people are made in God's image.
    b. All people come from Adam
2. The Gospel demands a biblical view of "Christian"
    a. In Christ
    b. In the Church
3. The Gospel demands a biblical view of eternity

Interpretative Points

- ***Image of God***

  The image of God is the whole package of what it means to be human, from emotion to morality to relationship to authority to our bodies. It all uniquely images God forth in a way none of the rest of creation can.

MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

- Repentance: Did God use this message to convict you about any particular attitude or action toward other ethnicities? Did it uncover any sinful patterns of thought or speech? If so, what should you do now?

- Evangelization: What keeps you from sharing the Gospel with people from other ethnicities? What barriers make Gospel witness more difficult, and how can they be overcome?

- Pride: What is it about us that makes us prefer our own ethnicity or culture or ideals over other's? Why does racial prejudice exist in our hearts?

- Grace Church: What does come into your mind when you dream about our church in 5 years? How do all the peoples of our Valley fit into that mental picture?