

Rationale for getting involved in Racial Unity!

Jn 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone. <u>I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message</u>, Jn 17:21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us <u>so that the world may believe that you have sent me</u>. Jn 17:22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they <u>may be one</u> as <u>we are one</u>: Jn 17:23 I in them and you in me. May they be <u>brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me</u>.

Eph 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to <u>live a life worthy of the calling you have received.</u>
Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; <u>be patient, bearing with one another in love.</u> Eph 4:3 <u>Make</u>
every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Eph 4:4 There is one body and
one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith,
one baptism; Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Mt 5:23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there <u>remember that your brother has</u> something against you, Mt 5:24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. <u>First go and be reconciled to your brother</u>; **then** come and offer your gift.

Ro 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to <u>offer your bodies as living</u> <u>sacrifices</u>, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Ro 12:2 <u>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. <u>Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is</u>—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Ro 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: <u>Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought</u>, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.</u>

^{1Co} ^{15:58} Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. <u>Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord</u>, because you know that your <u>labor in the Lord is not in vain.</u>

^{2Co 5:14} For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ^{2Co 5:15} And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ^{2Co 5:16} So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ^{2Co 5:17} Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ^{2Co 5:18} All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ^{2Co 5:19} that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ^{2Co 5:20} We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



Ro 12:16 <u>Live in harmony</u> with one another. Do not be proud, but <u>be willing to associate with people of low position</u>. Do not be conceited.

Mt 22:36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Mt 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' Mt 22:38 This is the first and greatest commandment. Mt 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Mt 22:40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Pr 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Pr 31:9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

^{Ro 13:9} The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "<u>Love your neighbor as yourself</u>." ^{Ro 13:10} <u>Love does no harm to its neighbor</u>. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Mt 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

^{1Jn 4:11} Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ^{1Jn 4:12} No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

^{1Jn 4:21} And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Col 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Col 3:14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Col 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Phil 2:1 **If** you have any encouragement from being <u>united with Christ</u>, **if** any comfort from his love, **if** any fellowship with the Spirit, **if** any tenderness and compassion, Phil 2:2 then <u>make my joy complete by being like-minded</u>, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility <u>consider others better than yourselves</u>. Phil 2:4 Each of you should <u>look not only to your own interests</u>, but also to the interests of others. Phil 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Ro 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.



^{Ro 15:1} We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ^{Ro 15:2} Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Gal 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Gal 5:15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Eph 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to <u>put off your old self</u>, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; Eph 4:23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; Eph 4:24 and to <u>put on the new self</u>, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must <u>put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor</u>, for we are all members of **one body**.

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, Gal 3:27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ro 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Ro 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! Ro 5:10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Ro 5:11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Col 3:22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, Col 3:24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col 3:25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.