

# What is a Biblical Response to Critical Race Theory?

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Does Biblical history and Creation Science hold a key to challenging the Critical Race Theory worldview that is promoted in our education systems?

At Creation Moments, our mission includes proclaiming and presenting the literal view of Genesis, a creation by an Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient Creator God who can be trusted as He has revealed Himself through His creation and His Word. This history of our origins is authentic in an era of counterfeits and vain, futile philosophies rebelling against the true God.

The Lord declares in His Word that we are one blood, appointed to live in a key time and place where we can find Him by His sovereign grace. By the Holy Spirit's perfect inspiration, Paul declares to the Athenians, "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:23-27).

Genesis' history of humanity is found in the genealogical records of both Testaments, containing real names of peoples ("*ethnos*") our Lord created, loved, and died to redeem. These are real persons, not just "characters" in a story. Being trained in history, calling real people "characters" in church, Sunday school, or radio is one of my peeves because it seems a subtle inaccuracy to strip humanity of their personhood. Using the proper nomenclature for historical persons is a way to bless our Creator and honor Him for His "one blood" race of peoples and nations.

God created every person out of the lineage of Adam and Eve and continued through the line of the ancient, obedient shipbuilder Noah and his wife. Through his descendants, history opens to the birth of nations and civilizations. His creativity and heterogeneity, revealed in our genetics, cause us to praise Him in His omnipotence. Each one of us in the world today traces ourselves back to these common parents, and we are tied to one another biologically and genetically, according to Biblical history.

This is the true history! So what happened that such history is so hidden from most today? True Biblical history in the young earth creation (*sans* evolutionary theory) is the antidote to the sin of racism. This idea of race is a completely human idea (or "construct" in today's vernacular). In terms of time and the millennia that we have existed, race is a fairly new idea. God did not create races to divide us. His divisions for us are "the bounds of our habitation" or nations. Nations themselves are temporary as there will be one Kingdom in Heaven, His Kingdom. We who are redeemed of Christ are eternal citizens of that Home and strangers and pilgrims in this present world. We can thank the Lord for our nation and pray for its prosperity, blessing, and wisdom. He assigned every human to his or her own nation and time by His sovereignty.

Much of Western history taught today is a construct of racial groups, studies of power or hegemony, and is focused on **race, class, gender, sexuality**, and the **environment**. These five form the core of most university work in the United States. Researchers can peruse Google Scholar to see that most research is in line with these five "lenses." Scripture has no such "lenses" that the Lord presents to us. Our Christian framework of history looks diametrically opposed to the worldly history of the secular academic.

How can we define the Critical Race Theory's characteristics? Simply, **the theory relegates all people into two groups: oppressor and oppressed**. These terms do not carry the same definition as the Biblical terms the Lord presents in Scripture. Twenty-seven times the word oppression is stated in the Bible. Consider one: "So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3).

Oppression exists because of the presence of sin in the creation. In Heaven, there is no oppression of any kind. I view sin, oppression, and power (or hegemony) as intertwined. It is too strong for us mortal humans to defeat, eradicate, or overthrow. This is the deception and temptation facing people today.

Critical race theory hypothesizes that power is distributed unequally and that inequality exists among the races. Scripture declares the Son possesses the Kingdom, power, and glory forever and that whosoever (meaning all created persons) believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Equality in the Lord's creation of man and woman is a bedrock of Scripture. Speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter preaches equality, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34-35).

The goal of Critical Race theory is to sow discord, conflict, and terror by attacking our foundations that God ordained for the U.S.A. Its adherents are myopic that reality is an amorphous "white supremacy" and a race-based power struggle. Biblically, we see no such terms. Biblically, the Scriptures' view of supremacy and power is contrarian to Critical Race Theory. CRT blames social institutions (wrongly) as the cause of racism and perceived inequality. The solution they propose is the overthrow of these institutions.

Psalm 11:2-4 reminds us of a sober historical reality: "For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men."

Social foundations themselves are intangible pillars whereby we structure nations. On their own, they are neutral, but the people within are sinners who oppress others by their sinful ways. The issue is much deeper with oppression than CRT theorists suppose. All that their overthrow of social foundations will accomplish will be a further pitting of people into conflict. There is no remedy for the injustice of our sin except the cross. Critical race theory cannot, humanly speaking, solve the justice issue of our sin against one another.

In part two, I will highlight the history of Critical Race Theory and how Marx exploited the reality of sinful oppression to achieve power for his unfortunate followers and disciples. We will look at CRT's history comparatively with the true reality of Scripture in the hope of bringing the true promise of justice which can only be exacted by a Perfect Person, namely the Lord Jesus Christ.

Until then we hold onto two key promises to the nations and peoples (not "races"): "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Revelation 7:9). Only our Creator can heal the

oppression caused by sin, our flesh, and Satan. No human construct or plan can heal it. We, humanity of one blood, can trust in His justice!

“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**” (Revelation 22:2).

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