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	<p>2020 UP Conference</p> <h2>Biblical Case for Racial Unity</h2>  <p>KRISTA BONTRAGER</p>		
			

OUR VALUES



IMAGO DEI	SCRIPTURE	UNITY	REPENTANCE FORGIVENESS GRACE
<p>All humans are created in the image of God. This is the foundation for the dignity, value and worth of all humans.</p>	<p>Scripture has everything needed for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). We look to God's Word first when it comes to race issues.</p>	<p>God has made a provision so that all humans can enter into unity with the Trinity and with their fellow image bearers through the work of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>A distinctly Christian path to racial unity must include a willingness for all participants to engage in the work of repentance forgiveness & grace.</p>



What just happened?

- equity
- woke
- systemic injustice/racism
- social justice
- white fragility

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ONE RACE

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Acts 17:26

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So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:26–27 (NLT)

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From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

ACTS 17:26 (NIV, 2011)

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Eph. 2:14

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And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

GENESIS 3:11–13 (NIV, 2011)

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Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.

GENESIS 3:16 (NIV, 2011)

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For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

ROMANS 1:21 (NIV, 2011)

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So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

GENESIS 11:1-9 (NIV, 2011)

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For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 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. 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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17 (NIV, 2011)

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All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20 (NIV, 2011)

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For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity, out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

EPHESIANS 2:11-22 (NIV, 2011)

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In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 3:4-6 (NIV, 2011)

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Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian (people who didn't speak Greek), Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

COL. 3:9-11; SEE ALSO, GAL. 3:26-29 (NIV, 2011)



Gospel First, Unity First

As Christians, our primary identity is in Jesus, not our country, race, ethnicity, or our culture.

The local church should be a culture that is distinctly Christian.



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The gospel took root and thrived in a culture that was economically and culturally mixed, which demonstrates the gospel's unique ability to bring unity out of diversity by solving the universal problem that plagues every human and nation—sin.



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ONE SAVIOR

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

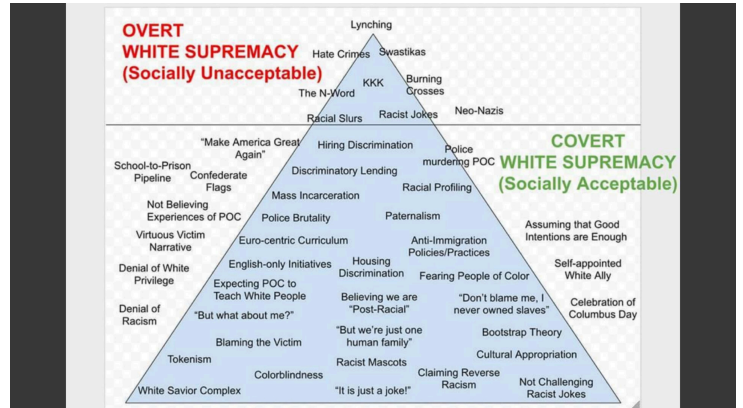
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ACTS 4:12 (NIV, 2011)

CRT AS A WORLDVIEW (& GOSPEL COMPETITOR)

- **Prime reality:** materialism; secular humanism
 - Several large evangelical entities and pastors are promoting various aspects and terms related to CRT.
- **Humanity's fundamental problem ("original sin"):** white/male/ straight/Christian; being part of systems of "whiteness"
- **The Law:** "political correctness"; new legalism



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- **Canon:** books on sociology, Critical Race Theory
- **Nature of human history:** competitive cycle of "oppressed" vs. "oppressors"
- **Solution to humanity's problem ("salvation"):** becoming "woke"; recognizing your own role as "oppressor" in societal "oppression"

CRT AS A WORLDVIEW (& GOSPEL COMPETITOR)

- **Life commitments ("sanctification"):** engaging in social advocacy to overturn "injustice"; convincing others to breakdown "white systems" and divest of "white privilege"
- **Heaven:** bringing the Kingdom of God to earth; equality of outcomes for all

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Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

LUKE 6:41-42 (NIV, 2011)

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As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

EPHESIANS 4:1-4 (NIV, 2011)

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But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

GALATIANS 5:13-15 (NIV, 2011)

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So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

GALATIANS 5:16-17 (NIV, 2011)

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The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

GALATIANS 5:18-20 (NIV, 2011)

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

GALATIANS 5:22-26 (NIV, 2011)

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Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:17-21 (ESV)



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