

church as “a chosen race” in 1Pet. 2:9. This shows the church as perfectly unified with no “outsiders.” Think about it, God declares that in His church, there are not different ethnic groups, but they all consist of one ethnic group regardless of background, upbringing, or geographic origin.

In essence, we could look at it this way: In the church, we are made to be one race – and within one race there can be no racism.

Thus, in the church, we must condemn all forms of racism, bigotry, prejudice, and discrimination. We must call it for what it is: sin! Racial injustice is incompatible with the message of the gospel in which Jesus came and died for all (Heb. 7:27; 1 John 2:2).

It’s time to look beyond politics and prejudices and see people. People that God created. People that can be made one through the gospel.

Billboard Top 100

By: David Bragg

On December 4, 1965 King Solomon of Old Testament fame, the successor of David (the man after God’s own heart; Acts 13:22) and the wisest man who ever lived had the number one song on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. His song, Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season), can be found in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Solomon, who received no royalties for his composition, has folk singer/songwriter and anti-war activist Pete Seeger to thank for his long-delayed success. Seeger contributed only six words at the end of the song, seven if you count the title: Turn! Turn! Turn! It was first recorded in 1959 by Seeger, then in 1962 by the Limelites, and most successfully by the Bryds in 1965 when it became an international hit which holds the record for the oldest lyrics of any number one song.

In Ecclesiastes 3 Solomon writes of the ever-changing phases of life as we face, by chance, various emotions and circumstances (“a time to every purpose under the heaven”). Seeger’s song, an anti-war anthem, emphasized that there was “a time of war, and a time of peace.” But consider this observation: “There is a time to laugh; a time to mourn.” What an appropriate snapshot of daily life mixed with happy moments and crushingly sad ones. Isn’t it great that, in Christ, we can weather these constantly shifting emotions with a deeply rooted joy? Persecuted. Tempted. Tried. Christians can rejoice in all those times because of the joy in Christ that enables us to “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”



UPDATES

Our Worship and Bible study services are being streamed Live on Facebook and are able to be shared.

This Wednesday, Peter Ray will be the guest speaker at Barrackville’s Summer Series. This will be livestreamed on Facebook at 7 p.m.

Check out our website for weekly bulletins and uploads of our Worship services and Wednesday evening Bible studies.

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—Edd Sterchi

During a time when our nation should be coming together to battle a common enemy (cornavirus), it seems that we are more divided than ever (politically and socially). Unfortunately a big part of this is racism. This is not God’s plan for man.

God designed humanity – all of humanity – to be made in His image (Gen. 1:26; Acts 17:28-29). There should be no prejudice against any human, as they are a creation of and made in the likeness of God and all consist of one race – the human race.

When Jesus designed the church, He made it a place that was to be without race, social status, or gender. “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.” (Gal. 3:28).

God’s plan for the church is that people from all backgrounds come together and are equal. The saved in heaven (which were the church upon the earth) are described in Rev. 7:9 as coming “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.” They were all equal in God’s eyes.

Peter, through inspiration, referenced the—RACE



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Chad Powell and family—Loss of his grandmother

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