One In Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

Why is there racism?

1. Your past: without God in the world (11-12)
2. Your place: brought near by the blood of Christ (13)
3. Your peace: He Himself is our peace (14-17)
4. Your pass: through Him we both have access (18)
5. God’s Product: members of the household of God (19-22)

Notice how Scripture accounts for all of reality:

* There is recognition of real good and evil, and a means of forgiveness
* There is balance here between objectivity and subjectivity
* There is balance here between the responsibility of the individual and the impact of the group
* Why did God ordain three institutions?

How do you define racism?

* A belief? A system? An attitude? Basic concept: thinking that there is a greater difference between ethnic groups than with in ethnic groups.
* Your view of the problem determines your efforts at the solution
* A non-Christian view must reduce the full picture to preferred points of emphasis

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

* How does the work of Jesus interface with racism?
* In what ways do pride, greed, lust, anger, fear, guilt, shame, and lack of forgiveness contribute to racism?
* “You are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (v22). Why is the ministry of the Holy Spirit indispensable for real unity?