

TEXT: Acts 17:26

TITLE: "Overcoming Ethnic Tension"

*The word group "ethnic/ethnicity" is rooted in the Greek word ethnos (ἔθνος).

→ From the Bible, how can "ethnic tensions" be overcome? We need to understand:

1. There is O_____ H_____ Race

→ Acts 17:24-30

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: When I see people of whatever description, I need to think—"we are all in this human race together!"

2. God Gives L_____ to Every Human Being

→ Acts 17:25

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: Human life is to be protected and only taken by God!

3. Adam & Eve are the P_____ of Us A_____

→ Genesis 3:20

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: We all have the same parents!

4. Every Human Being is Made in the I_____ of God

→ Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1, 3

A. Every Human Being Has D_____

B. Every Human Being Has W_____

C. Every Human Being Has D_____ Markings:

1. Rationality—we can think, learn, reason.

2. Volition—we can make decisions.

3. Emotionality—we can feel joy, anger, peace and love.

4. Spirituality—we have the capacity to know God, to fellowship with Him.

5. Eternality—we will live somewhere forever!

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: Every human life of every ethnicity is precious in the eyes of God because we are made in His image!

5. Every Human Being Has the Same P_____

→ Romans 5:12

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" irrespective of ethnicity.

6. The Ground is L_____ at the Cross

→ Romans 3:19

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: No color gives an advantage over another at the cross! Jesus' arms were opened wide to the whole world!

7. Jesus is the A_____ to Our Deepest Problems

→ 1 Corinthians 15:22

→ TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: I need to see people not according to the color of their skin, but according to their relationship with Jesus.

APPLICATIONS: