

**RACISM RECONCILED**  
**HOW TO NEIGHBOR – PART 1**  
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**The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-35**

**Luke 10:25-28 (NIV)** *“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’<sup>26</sup> ‘What is written in the Law?’ He replied. ‘How do you read it?’<sup>27</sup> He answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>28</sup> ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’”*

**Luke 10:29 (NIV)** *“But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’”*

**Luke 10:30 (NIV)** *“In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.’”*

**Luke 10:33 (NIV)** *“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.”*

**Luke 10:34-35 (NIV)** *“He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”*

**Why People Become Racist...**

- They are a victim of **HATRED**.
- They have been **TAUGHT** to hate.
- They are **IGNORANT**.

**Racism is not a SKIN issue.**  
**Racism is a SIN issue.**

**James 2:9 (NLT)** *“But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.”*

## HOW DO WE NEIGHBOR THOSE DIFFERENT FROM US?

### 1. Recognize our PREDJUDICES.

Prejudice means PREJUDGING.  
It's a preconceived opinion that is  
not based on reason or actual experience.

### 2. Seek to UNDERSTAND others.

### 3. Love those DIFFERENT from us.

Racism isn't just the presence of hatred.  
It's also the absence of LOVE.

**John 13:35 (NIV)** *"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."*

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)** *"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

There is one race... the HUMAN race!

**Galatians 3:28 (NIV)** *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

**Revelation 7:9a (NIV)** *"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."*

**Romans 10:12-13 (NIV)** *"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, <sup>13</sup>for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' "*

Jesus didn't say WHO to neighbor,  
He only showed us HOW to neighbor.

**Luke 10:36-37 (NIV)** *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.' "*