

Current Affairs # 24 – Racism and the Body of Christ, Part 3

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We will continue on in the discussion, really, of the Body of Christ. I am framing it in the urgency of the topic of racism. And I am saying that racism cannot belong in the Body of Christ because it is a doctrine of demons meant as a last defense against the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the earth. This is not a doctrine that has come from God. This is a way that certain unscrupulous people attempt to establish a choreography for political, social, and economic advantage. It is the doctrine of a harlot who wishes to justify herself and her behavior in the face of the rising of a true bride in the earth. If this is the first of the messages you are listening to, go back and review the first two; this is session 3.

We were talking about the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ and the focus on oneness: “Let them be one.”¹ I had explained that God gave the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate God, to bring into the earth the Spirit of reconciliation—“that God was *in Christ* reconciling the world to Himself, not counting men’s sins against them.”² Before I get to that though, here is the question: What exactly did Jesus mean when He asked the Father, “Let them be one, as You are in Me, and I am in You; let them be one in Us.”? So we need to be one in the Father and the Son, and whatever the configuration of relationship between the Father and the Son was, that needs to be the same relationship into which we are brought. Now, by the very terms “Father” and “Son”—defining the relationship between God, the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God—we are talking, of course, about a spiritual relationship. We are not looking at or looking for one person physically being himself in another physical being. We are talking about Spirit to Spirit connection. In that view, how is the Son in the Father? “Let them be one in the manner in which You and I are one. You are in Me, I am in You. Let them be one in Us.”

How was the Father in the Son? The Son provided His body—according to the book of Hebrews, “As it is written in the book of the scrolls, a body You have prepared for Me.”³ I do not have time to open that, merely to refer to it. The point is that Jesus provided His person to host the Spirit of the Father in Himself. That is possible Spirit to Spirit. It is not possible body to body. That was the problem Nicodemus had: “*How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?*” (John 3:4). He was thinking of physical birth, versus what Jesus was talking about, which is Spirit to spirit birth. There are two births, that which is born of

flesh and that which is born of the Spirit.⁴ That which is born of the Spirit is from God, and a connection is Spirit to spirit. Jesus's body, the body of Jesus of Nazareth, hosted the Spirit of the Father God in Him. That is why He could take on the title the "Everlasting Father" as was recorded in the prophecies of Isaiah, which say: "*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*" (Isaiah 9:6). So one of the names that Jesus properly carries, one of the titles, is Everlasting Father, because the Father lived in Him. The Spirit of His Father indwelt His Spirit, to the consequential end that He said, "I only do what I see My Father doing. The Son can do nothing of Himself."⁵

That is a posture that is described in the Scriptures as "belief." It is the word *pistis* (Strong's G4102). It has a number of words that come out of it: words like "epistemology," which is the foundation of your convictions—what do you stand upon?; or the word *tithémi* (Strong's G5087); the word *histémi* (Strong's G2476).

- *Tithémi* means to lie down as one who is vulnerable. Literally, it means to offer no resistance; to lie as if one is dead; to lie behind a stone, as it were, in the case of the shield of faith, where the word "shield" actually means a stone that is rolled into place, like in a sepulcher; to lie down as if one is dead
- *Histémi*, from which we get the pharmaceutical word "histamine," is how, in your position of vulnerability, God stands up in you as Himself.

Jesus, knowing and understanding that, said, "the Son can do nothing of Himself."⁵ Why? Because He believed in the Father. The Father was His epistemology, His entire *raison d'être*. His reason for living in the world was to give place for the hosting of the sovereign presence of the Father in heaven. That is what it means to believe, by the way. It is not some intellectual acquiescence to a mere fact. It is not when you say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved"—it is *not* acknowledging that there was an historical Jesus who died on the cross for your sins and agreeing that you have accepted His salvation. No. It is *not* about accepting Jesus as your Lord and savior. You accept Him first as your savior; and then you lie down in the fullness of belief in all that He is, and then He becomes your Lord. God raised Him from the dead and made Him to be both Lord and Christ.⁶

We have a church populated by people who just want to go to heaven when they die, with no intention of submitting all of who they are to the Lordship of Christ. Among this people, racism proliferates because there is no theology of the oneness between the Father and the Son into which we now are being invited. We cannot bring our junk and garbage with us into the Body of Christ. Even if we do, He will press us. He will put the pressure on to conform us to this standard of righteousness, which is spoken to in a single commandment.

In the lead-up to John 17—from as far back as John 13—Jesus said, “*A new commandment I give you...*” (John 13:34). Well, what was the old one? The old one was, “*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,*” and “*your neighbor as yourself*” (Luke 10:27). So the standard is *you*—love the other, including God, the way you love yourself. That was the highest expectation of that commandment under the law. So, the standard of the law was whatever *you* could do, the best that *you* could do. The new is new because it has a different standard. It introduces a different measure. “A new commandment I give you: Love one another as **I** have loved you.”⁷ Not as you love yourself—“Love your neighbor as *you* love yourself; Love God with all *your* heart, mind, soul, and strength”—which is the best you can come up with. No. This is the same standard for God as it is for man: as **I** have loved you.

The “I” speaking is the Living God, the incarnate Christ, or the incarnate God in the form of Christ. So the new commandment is the same standard applicable to God and man. That is the only way it could be, because you are being invited to come into an existing relationship between the Father and the Son. It says “Let them be one in Us”—in the manner in which We are now one and We have always been one. And that manner is, “You are *in* Me. I host Your presence. I do not have an ability to do anything of Myself. I choose to submit. I *tithémi*—I lie down, as it were, in death to whatever the will of God is for My life.” It is the conclusion that He articulates in the garden before His execution the following day, when He said, “Nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.”⁸ That is belief. That is *pistis*. That is faith. That is our epistemology. That is what we stand on. Anything else is garbage. Anything else is a foundation of sand.

We are watching the collapse of things built on sand in the day that the floods have arisen, and the rains are falling, and the winds are blowing. You will remember that, of course, as the conclusion

of Jesus’s message fondly known as the Sermon on the Mount, where He says, “A man is foolish who hears these sayings of Mine and does not do them. He is like a foolish man who builds his house on the sand.”⁹ Indeed, His epistemology, that is the foundation... “Epistemology” is the term which means: foundation of belief. It tracks perfectly with the Latin term *basilica*, or the Greek term *basileuó* (Strong’s G936), which means the foundational basis, and there it is specific to power and rule; whereas, an epistemology is whatever you choose to believe as the foundation of your convictions. But where it comes to the Kingdom of God, the *basilica*—again, related to the term “epistemology”—is the foundation on which you stand. If your foundation is based in popular culture—as the professor told me all those years ago when I was in Bible school, that American culture is divided and the church, therefore, just follows the culture—that is a foundation based on sand, because it is not the Kingdom of God.

The epistemology of the Kingdom is that the Son can do nothing of Himself; the Son believes the Father and submits to whatever the Father wants to do, even to death on a cross, which is when and how the son then is exalted. He is raised from the dead and seated in the position of authority. The right hand is a reference to the position of the firstborn, because the firstborn is the standard. He is not necessarily the first in time—the first in time was Adam, Jesus was later in time—but He is the first in rank, because He is the one to correct the deviation from the standard. So if you are a part of the generally assembly and church of the firstborn, you must be conformed to the preexisting standard, which standard is: the Father is in Me to will and to do the Father’s pleasure. “Nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.”⁸ That is what is going on as He faces the cross, and the cross is to put on display the absolute subjection of the Son to the Father. Because of that, He could not be allowed to remain in a corrupted state of decay. That is why God raised Him from the dead, because He was the carrier, in perfect form, of the Father’s glorious presence. That is why He is unique in all of history. He lived to give place to the presence of the Father, that the Father living in Him would do His work.¹⁰ That is what is meant by: You are in Me—“Your Spirit has taken dominion over every aspect of My being.” Why? “Because I have allowed it. I have believed in You. I have believed that in allowing You to control Me,” Jesus is saying to the Father, “that that is My best life now.”

Not this other garbage you hear, where God takes your shopping list and fills it out because you are all that great. This is how deep the delusion has come to be, where people actually preach about “living *your* best life now,” which is to the way *you* want to be. There is no suffering in that best life now. There is no arbitrarily submitting the rule of your life to His whim. We want to be in control, we want to stay in control, and we want Him to just guarantee the outcomes for us. That is garbage theology. I cannot say a more convincing term. I would not know what the term would be, because I am not given to vulgar speech. It is beyond nonsense. It is rubbish.

The epistemology of the Christian faith is that we are to be assembled to Christ as parts of a spiritual Body, and in that Body we continue to submit to the rule of the Father, who lives in the Son. Now when you live in the Son, you do not have a choice but to do what the Son is doing. WWJD—What Would Jesus Do? Well, you do not have to speculate. It is not like He keeps reinventing the wheel. He has already shown us what the pattern is, and the pattern does not vary. The Son will obey the Father. The whole purpose for the Son is to carry the presence of the Father. You cannot do that, you cannot even begin to approach how that might be done, apart from the Holy Spirit leading you moment by moment. You do not have to try to figure out what Jesus would do in a particular situation. You have the same Spirit who lived in Christ dwelling in you. Or have I not read Romans 8? Romans 8:11 says, “*If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you,*” because it is the same Spirit. He will not tell you something different than what He told Christ. We have the certainty, the guarantee. He gave us the Holy Spirit as a down payment, guaranteeing that we would be properly assembled to Christ and we would be told the same things that Christ was told in His day, because this is the Spirit that has come from the Father to connect the members of the Body of Christ to the Spirit of Christ Himself.¹¹

You know, that is the gospel. That is the gospel among the mature. This other—“Give me your hand, give God your heart, and join the church of your choice” and wait until you get to heaven—that is the gospel for children, for people who have no intention of growing up, do not even know there is such a thing as growing up. And that is the point. The Son hosts the presence of the Father; the Father’s love for the Son mandates that He does not leave the Son untended at any time,

because the Son has made Himself vulnerable to the Father. There is no way for the Father to leave a Holy One to see corruption. When you are *in the Son*, that promise is your hardwired promise.

“You are in Me and I am in You”¹—what does that mean? It means that the Son then lives under, is protected by, and has the full immunity from the presence of the Father. The Father hovers over the Son to preserve Him in all His ways. To the obedient Son, the Father is His economy. He is *in the Father* in the sense that the authority of the Father overshadows, protects, and supplies all and everything that is necessary for the life of the Son in the earth. The economy: the *oikonomos* (Strong’s G3623)—*oikos* being “house,” *nomos* being “order”—the order of the House of God; *oikonomos* is where we get the word *oikonomia* (Strong’s G3622), or “economy.” God’s economy is available to the Son to protect, to supply, and to enable in all the forms that that takes place—not just material stuff, but more the greater things. One of the reasons you are required to be faithful with unrighteous mammon is to simply acknowledge again and again that everything you have comes from God, and you live in Him, you move in Him, and you have your very being in His authority. Then, He gives out the economy of His House, of the heavens, of His nature. The greatest thing He has to give is the expression of His nature through you, and that comes supplied with everything necessary for life and godliness. The lesser of the things is unrighteous mammon. The greater of the things of the economy of God are wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, power, lordship, rule, and the fear of the Lord.¹²

So, we live *in* the Father. The Father is in us; we are in the Father. We live in the sphere, if I could use the word biosphere, but that would be erroneous on many counts, but just as an erroneous and very poor way of trying to convey a concept of how the eternal God defines the dimensions of our being and supplies everything for both life and godliness. In that way, we are *in* the Father. When you are *in Christ*, then you have come into the preexisting relationship between the Father and the Son, and you are assembled as many parts of one body, one *corpus*. That is irrespective of whether you are—listen to this from Paul’s letter to the Galatians, chapter 3, starting at verse 26:

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ [now note this is a baptism into Christ]. 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.” (Galatians 3:26-28 NKJV)

Now God has given to us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the equipping of the saints, according to Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11 and following.¹³ But at verse 3 it says, “endeavor to keep the *unanimity* of the Spirit”—the word that is translated “unity” there is the word: unanimity, or oneness—“in the bond of peace.” And then, from verse 13: “until you reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man, to the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ. Then, you will no longer be infants tossed to and from by every wind of doctrine and the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful schemings. Instead, speaking the truth in love, you will in all things grow up into the fullness of Him who is the head.”¹³ So the same standard for Christ will be incarnated in you. You will be the incarnate standard of Christ. That is what it means to be a partaker of the divine nature. Then, when you are *in Christ* in that fashion, it will grow and build itself up in love as each part does its work.¹³ When the world sees, in one corporate form, all the races of mankind dwelling in the beauty and harmony and peace of the Body of Christ, having resolved all the problems that bedevil men today, they will look and observe a phenomenon in the earth. They will see that these people are different from all the other peoples of the earth. They will conclude: This is a holy race. These are not mere men; these are the sons of God. That is the message, and it is the message of hope for the world. Racism is a direct assault upon the gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not be caught up in it. Reject it utterly for what it is. It is a doctrine of devils designed to undermine the truth of oneness *in Christ*.

I am Sam Soleyn, and I hope that you will review these messages and let them sink into your heart to produce life. So be it. Amen.

Endnotes:

1. See John 17:21 NKJV: “...that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”
2. See 2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV: “[T]hat is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”
3. See Hebrews 10:5-7 NKJV:

Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

“SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,

BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

“THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME

(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)

TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.”

4. See John 3:6 NKJV: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”
5. See John 5:19 NKJV: “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’”
6. See Acts 2:36 NKJV: “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”
7. See John 13:34 NKJV: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”
8. See Luke 22:42 NKJV: “saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’”
9. See Matthew 7:26-27 NKJV: “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”
10. See John 14:10 NKJV: “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”
11. See 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV: “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”; see also Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV: “In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were

sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

12. See Isaiah 11:2 NKJV: “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
13. See Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV: “And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”