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# The Blood

We already have the blood of Jesus that is shared between us. So that is what we have in common. The next part of what we are to do, and maybe a little lacking is our stories that has to do with our backgrounds. It can be supernormal to talk about our race, what we have been doing.

Gabe makes jokes about being Mexican, we talk about race, culture. In white culture we won’t talk about this. When we come together we don’t really talk about it. Huge pieces of our lives and experiences that we don’t talk about here.

# The trump card of racism

A lot of people ask the wrong questions. Not a lot of people that looked like me. You didn't know how to approach me, manage me, talk with me. It’s a trump card being used: You are racist. But most of those people are not even racist, they are just prejudice, or unknowing. We have to look at people’s hearts, more than the exact words they use.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racism>

I think racism is a real thing, which is logical and used to protect one selves. But it is about being open to one another and get closer with all people.

# Solution

Covered in grace and carrying each other’s burdens. This is one body, we all suffer when one of us is suffering, whether the racism was intentional and on purpose or not.

As a church we are able to crush this, because of the idea of one family, one body that we can embrace one another with love and peace.

fear is a facade before breakthroughs come

Created to participate, walking away for them is not an option > I think this is true for all of us. Reigning together, lifting each other up as a goal.

# Dann Farelly

Talking about this feels like dissolving a bomb. A 52 year old whit person with white hair. I don’t have any funny white people stories.

Men talking about women, people with wealth talking about people who don’t have wealth. There are blind spots by definition. You go on and think you have it all figured out. You don’t know, until a friend points out that you have a blind spot there. I would’ve known if I had a blind spot, no you don’t!

White privilege, just listen. You don’t know what you don’t know in these areas. Various groups you could put them in. We could divide people like this.

Do we know what we’re talking about? People want us to lead, but we don’t know what we’re talking about. Kris says yes we do know what we’re talking about :p

## Protect people we afilliate with

Issues of race, gender, status all part of the human. Natural pretense to protect the group we feel affiliated with. Humans have a preference for the group they’re comfortable with. Even us. We have an affinity for people who express the Gospel like we do.

Don’t think there is an evil component to this, but there is a human drive. It does tend evil when you grow in hate, diminish or say you’re better.

Christianity gives us an identity in Christ, our primary affiliation and connection. Doesn't matter the others don’t exist anymore, male and feminine lasts in Revelation. Not just saying that all is different in Heaven.

Identity in Christ is our primary affiliation. Scriptures are a bit of a mixed bag about this concern. OT especially, I hate the Egyptians. Upset with Edomites. OT shocked by the preference the Lord has for the Hebrew people. Womb of the Messiah. It is a mixed bag, confusing messages about race, groups and identity.

Even Christ has a few confusing spots. Het notices race and groups, he doesn't go after the Romans, but notices them. Herod as who he is, syofenisian woman different ethnic groups. Food to the dogs, ouch what is going on there?

But in teaching of Christ and the resurrection of Christ we are called. He is not the God of the ethnic nationalism , He is the King of all. - Karen Ellis Christianity Today

Male or female is a part of the gift of God, must be I am in Christ. Dead in Christ, also appear when Christ appears. Radically essential. Race identity and politics, how does the group make decisions that apply to the group? Greek speaking Jewish widows neglected, that is not right! Bring it to attention, appoint men to oversee this distribution, full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit.

# Acts the story of overcoming second identities.

Acts 10:44-48 (ESV) While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Primary identity is the Holy Spirit and Jesus’ blood, everything else is secondary has to be addressed and discussed. Circumcision no longer a big identity marker in Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-12 (ESV) Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ

Primary identity labels you were separate from Christ!

Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV) therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**That is our foundation!**

Can we still do anything right in this world? Whatever you want to do, specifically if it something great there will be people that will stand up in opposition to this!