**Counterculture** *(Series Graphic)*

Part One: “What is Truth?”

**Truth exists** whether you accept it or not.

The **absence** of truth creates **bondage**.

The **presence** truth sets us free from **bondage**.

Jesus is the **Truth**.

**Race**

Culture **divides** us, the Kingdom **unites** us.

**One** race.

(Acts 17:26)

“From **one** man he made **all** the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”

(Genesis 1:26)

“Then God said, “Let us make **mankind** in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

(Revelation 7:9-10)

“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. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

We want to be a **Biblical** church that looks like heaven.

(Galatians 3:26-28)

“So in Christ Jesus you are **all** children of God through faith, for **all** of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**.”

**Unity**: different people worshiping the same God.

1. Racism is **sin**.

(James 2:8-9 GNT)

“You will be doing the right thing if you obey the law of the Kingdom, which is found in the scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ But if you treat people according to their **outward** **appearance**, you are guilty of **sin**, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker”

1. Racism is **injustice**.

(Genesis 1:27)

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

1. Racism **grieves** the Lord.

(Galatians 3:28)

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**.”

 Genetically we are 99.5% the **same**.

*“Racism is what happens when we ignore the beauty in ourselves and in others, throw away God’s instruction on how to live, and make up our own rules that result in dishonoring ourselves and others.”*

 *-*Miles McPherson, “*The Third Option”*

1. Honor see's one's **significance**.
2. Mutual honor **pulls** us **together**.

There is no stronger bond than two people **mutually** honoring one another.

1. **Radical honor** can reverse racial indifferences.

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