

Only One Race - Answers in Genesis

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:2-13 ESV

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14

Many of the cruelest periods in history happened because one group of people considered themselves superior to another. In Rwanda, 1994, there were mass killings (between 800,000 and 1,000,000 people) of one tribe by killed by another tribe, both with the same ancestry. In Germany, between 1939 and 1945, Hitler's SS killed about 6 million Jewish people. Hitler studied the works of Darwinism and believed the "survival of the fittest" required racial purity and elimination of physical and developmental disabilities.

In the Bible we are told that *"in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female."* These verses mean that no matter who we are, we are equally loved by God. Our worth does not depend on what nation or family we come from. Our hope is in God, who invites all to come to Him and be saved. *"Everyone one who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Romans 10:13.

Why do you think some people consider themselves superior to others?

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? In 2 Corinthians 6:14 the Bible isn't warning us about other nationalities, but rather we are not to marry people who have different values than our own. When two people of differing faiths, such as Christianity and atheism, marry, there will be many compromises.

When people with different values marry it can create difficult relationships. Have you seen this happen?

Evolutionary beliefs justify racist attitudes by considering one race as more evolved than others. Hitler believed his Aryan race was superior to all others. In the past some evolutionists have believed that the Aboriginal people were the missing link between humans and apes. In the Bible, God tells us that there is no difference between us. We are all equal in His sight.

Is it fair to dislike someone because of their appearance, age, or disability?

"More and more scientists find that the differences that set us apart are cultural, not racial. Some even say that the word 'race' should be abandoned because it's meaningless. We accept the idea of race because it's a convenient way of putting people in broad categories, frequently to suppress them. Racial prejudice remains common throughout the world."

Do you want to be looked down on or belittled because of your nationality or appearance?

God created all people. He loves us and sees us right through our nationality or skin color or disability. Each of us is precious to Him. God wants us to choose our life partners carefully. He warns us to not "be unequally yoked". When pulling a wagon with horses it is important to match the team so that they will pull together. When we commit to relationships and marriage we need to choose a partner who has the same goals in life that we do. If partners have different goals in life they will be pulling in different directions.

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your love. Give us the desire to develop good values and standards according to Your word. Show us how to choose partnerships and relationships that will help us grow and thrive. Teach us how to avoid relationships that will be damaging to our values and life. Help us to respect people and not look down on anyone because of age, disability, or appearance. Show us how to love others the way You love us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.