

“A Covenant to Forgive, Part 2” Matthew 26:28, Sermon Notes
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“for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins” (Matt. 26:28 NAS)

Let me start this morning where I left off last week:

Our present culture is being led along by at least three major ideologies

- There is a cultural Marxism which is militantly seeking to entice bitterness and anger to undo and overthrow any authority but their own
 - They militantly seek to take over schools
 - They militantly seek to take over communities
 - They militantly seek to take over towns
 - They militantly seek to take over states
 - They are moving to militantly take over the country
 - The goal is to create class warfare and conflict
 - It will just be a matter of time before there is major active violence between those on the far left and far right
- We also live in a period of Post-Modernism which denies absolute truth. The only thing they know absolutely is that there is no absolute truth
 - Ironic that an ideology that denounces absolute truth must rest upon an absolute truth to have its existence
 - From this vantage point the Post-Modern rejects any truth claim. Especially truth claims of religion
 - But also ideological truth claims
 - “Life, liberty, and justice for all” etc.
 - This method of interpretation is common in schools across the us. No longer is the student trained to think about what the author intended. But rather the student talks about what is true for them in what was written
 - The Post-Modern has been trying to undermine the credibility of God’s Word and the truth so that people would no longer rely on reason and facts to make decisions but rather experience and emotions
 - For the Post-Modern each person must individually discover their own truth.
 - “By the beginning of the twenty-first century it was postmodernism, repackaged and aggressively promoting itself as the Emerging Church movement.”
(<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B180907>)
- The third major ideology at work today is Critical Race Theory. This idea seeks to teach that “white -male” power and ideology is to blame for the evil against blacks. The struggle in the world is systemic racism they say. But this ideology moves beyond the oppression of blacks to the oppression of all. All who are oppressed by the white man and his belief system, power structure, and wealth hoarding should ban together to overthrow the existing structure

- Those who are white should prepared to lose what they have, give away their houses, lose their jobs, give back what they have taken away from others because of their privilege
- The liberal church has bought into this message and believed that they are the problem. You have a new generation of woke evangelicals coming to grips with their own racism
 - They never saw it before
 - They never thought they were racists
 - They never feared a person of color or thought ill of them, but now they are aware that they are indeed racist
- The white man is guilty simply for existing
- Woke evangelicals are coming to grips with their own racism
 - As they look in the mirror and see they are white
 - And they hear the stories of blacks who have suffered
 - And they see the resources they have
 - they then conclude that they must be racist
 - AND since they have not actively fought against racism they realize they are the problem

As it has been pointed out:

“It’s quite common these days for Christian leaders addressing this issue to call for people who have never harbored a racist thought to confess the guilt of racism because their ancestors may have been racists. Expressions of repentance have been demanded of white evangelicals for no actual transgression, but because they are perceived to have benefited from “white privilege.” Supposedly, their skin color automatically makes them culpable for the racism of the past. One influential evangelical leader, in an article titled “We Await Repentance for Assassinating Dr. King,” suggested that racial reconciliation in the church cannot even *start* until white Christians confess their parents’ and grandparents’ complicity in “*murdering a man who only preached love and justice*” (meaning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)” John MacArthur, “Is the Controversy over “Social Justice” Really Necessary?” Blog: (<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B180827>)

The collective church is dividing significantly because different ministries are defining the problem of man differently

The problem we are told is human suffering. The problem we are told is hatred towards a particular people group

- The problem can only go away when those who have power, or those who have resources, who are not black, are removed

This is the new atheistic gospel. The gospel of liberalism. This is where the heart of man goes when it rejects God. It goes to create war and to dominate. It goes to resist any knowledge of God and to recreate a world apart from a knowledge of God. It is the gospel built on the ideology of Marxism, which always leads to death, murder, and oppression

Again none of this should surprise us. We know we are in a spiritual battle. We know the hearts and minds of men are blinded by the God of this world

- This is why we need to speak the truth

- This is why we need the depths of God's wisdom to answer the difficult questions

Is there a problem with racism?

- First of all let me say that Racism is a term used to describe one manifestation of hate.
- The Sin of Hate is much broader than the expression of racism
- Just as immorality has many expressions – adultery, fornication, bestiality, pedophilia, etc.
- So hate has many expressions of which racism is one form

So is racism wrong?

As an expression of hate, absolutely it is wrong. It is a sin which fails to love our neighbor

But today racism has an elastic meaning. If we define racism as the expression of hate from one group towards another because of some physical trait in them, then yes people have committed that sin of hate. But if you define racism as that which someone is because of a physical trait they possess, then no there is not a problem

I am not sure we can get enough liberals in the room to find agreement on the proper definition of Racism. For BTW the term is still evolving. This is why I believe we need to find the definition of our problems from God's Word. Then and only then will we identify problems properly and identify the solutions

- If we take racism to mean, and I believe many do, – to mistreat a particular person or group based on a physical characteristic (IE color of their skin or the shape of some physical feature), then all of us would agree this is wrong
- This is hatred. The bible is clear that we are not to hate our neighbor
- The bible is clear that all people are created in the image of God
- And to mistreat anyone because of any physical characteristic trait is hatred
- This is always wrong and will be judged by God
- Whether that hatred is expressed in words, physical abuse, or emotional distress, that hatred should be condemned

Listen racism is wrong. The term does not make the behavior wrong. The violation of God's command to love your neighbor is what makes it wrong. It is wrong because it is an expression of hate. *Hate is wrong. Hate is immoral.* Hate leads to death. To be evil towards anyone because of the color of their skin, their social status, or any physical feature is hatred

- This kind of hatred is manifested in many ways
- I have been in Latin America and in Africa and in both countries, I saw people discriminate against another group of people within their own nationalities
 - Racism is a particular kind of hate
 - Hate because of ethnicity
 - But hatred of humanity is common among mankind
- White Americans are not immune to being the objects of this kind of hatred also – People are called rednecks or crackers. Along with other disparaging terms
- Men hate one another – this is the result of mankind having rejected God

There is only one problem with the definition of racism which I have given. It exposes the liberal as hypocrites. To fight racism against blacks they need to be racist against whites. Simply for being

white, and potentially having grandparents who might have committed a racist act, whites are said to be guilty

Today the liberal is battling racism with racism. The modern liberal, preaching the Atheistic Gospel, the gospel of power, prosperity, and privilege for the oppressed, targets a people group and stirs up strife against them based on the color of their skin. To work against the charge of hypocrisy the liberal today is teaching that racism is strictly a white person's problem:

- This is why people like author Robin DiAngelo who wrote *White Fragility*, as of this week the book ranked 2 on the NYT best seller list, wrote in response to a critique of her book in the Guardian: "Racism is a white problem. It was constructed and created by white people and the ultimate responsibility lies with white people. For too long we've look at it as if it were someone else's problem, as if it was created in a vacuum. I want to push against that narrative." (<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/woke-kampf-media-whiteness-white-supremacy/>)
- So for the liberal gospel the only people who can be wrong are whites who are naturally racist
- These preachers of hate have dressed up their hatred in pretentious garb. These preachers of a new gospel come with a gospel of hate. Claiming to be innocent of the very thing they charge whites. *They cannot be accused of racism because no one can be racist against a white person*
- Only a white person can be racist against someone else
- This would be laughable if it were not expressed

Maybe you are thinking that my calling this a New Gospel is a little too far fetched. A bit of preacher elasticity

Listen to these words of an academic in a college in NY:

"Anthony Bradley, Chair of Religious and Theological Studies at The King's College, recently posted this remark online:

Here's the problem (and this will be hard): from a black church perspective, evangelicals have never had the gospel. Ever. Read the book *Doctrine A[nd] Race*. Here then is the actual Q: When will evangelicals embrace the gospel for the first time ever?" Blog, "The Injustice of Social Injustice" (link below)

Woke evangelicals have abandoned the Word of God for the new Liberal Gospel. A Gospel which they believe has not yet been preached. I agree with them, it has not. For their gospel is a gospel of hate. If you embrace this ideology you embrace a New Gospel. A message of good news which is contrary to the message from God. A gospel which like all false gospels is the doctrine of demons. This is common as the Scriptures predict:

"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons," (1 Tim. 4:1 NAS)

The result of this New Gospel in the Church is a Church that cannot identify and confront sin. The experience of suffering, the experience of being sinned against is greater than any truth claim

- Since the liberal Church has abandoned truth a long time ago and relied upon feeling and emotions it is not prepared to face a secular atheistic moral onslaught
- “Today, critical race theory, feminism, intersectional theory, LGBT advocacy, progressive immigration policies, animal rights, and other left-wing political causes are all actively vying for evangelical acceptance under the rubric of ‘social justice.’” John MacArthur, “The Injustice of Social Injustice” (link below)
- The modern Church trying to be relevant in the eyes of the world has lost sight of the gospel of God
- The dying liberal Church, as all liberal Churches die, is desperately looking to have a relevant message for the world to accept
- While purporting to teach the gospel of God’s grace and love to man, and filled with the desire to present the love of God to all, the Church changed the message of the scriptures, and now when the world requires more than love, mercy, and grace for a particular group of oppressed people, the Church does not know what to do except to embrace it and say they are wrong
 - *What does the liberal Church do when the world does not want the message of love, it wants retribution?*
 - The liberal Gospel is the new message

This Gospel is starting to be embraced by those in the Church:

“Not every evangelical leader currently talking about social justice supports the full spectrum of radical causes, of course. Most (for the moment, at least) do not. But they are using the same rhetoric and rationale of victimhood and oppression that is relentlessly employed by secularists who are aggressively advocating for all kinds of deviant lifestyles and ideologies. *Anyone who claims victim status can easily and effectually harness the emotional appeal of a plea for “social justice” both to gain support and to silence opposition.*” John MacArthur, “The Injustice of Social Injustice” (<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B180907>)

As a result the Church collectively is tempted to be ashamed of the true gospel. It is ashamed of the message of God

- Ashamed of the mercy and grace God has given
- Ashamed to call people to repentance.
- Ashamed to teach forgiveness
- Ashamed to confront hate towards others.
- Ashamed of God’s message

I will demonstrate this in a moment. But let me just say the evidence of the Church’s shame of the Gospel is proven in how the Church has abandoned God’s message

Listen, if the true gospel is not preached and if the true gospel is not believed, then this new gospel of hate will lead to a white genocide

- This sentiment has already come out
- Whites have been called sub-human
- Whites have been called genetic defects
- History is repeating itself

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/woke-kampf-media-whiteness-white-supremacy/>

<https://www.westernjournal.com/blm-leader-exposed-called-whites-sub-human-genetically-defective-said-blacks-superhumans/>

<https://www.wilsonrhett.com/2020/06/they-are-playing-us-7-lies-america-is.html>

Why is this new current of secular philosophy working?

1. Because people have abandoned God and His message
2. Because man believes he should not suffer
3. Because man believes he should be happy and the only way he will be happy is to allow him to have what he wants

The very people who have hovered around and said the Church and Christians have no right to judge us; no right to force their values upon us; no right to force their views upon us; are the people in the bully pulpit condemning bible believing Christians for not accepting their view point

- Woke liberals
- Woke Evangelicals
- Woke millennials

Those who have abandoned godliness long ago and now seek to condemn God and His ways

The greatest sin today is not noticing the injustices that are taking place against the oppressed peoples

- To not notice racism
- To not notice the personal struggles of people around us

How do we respond to this? What is God's message?

While this is happening right now. I want to remind the Church of God's perspective

To gain God's perspective we need to look at the Word of God and God's history in dealing with mankind

God created man. Man finds his identity in the image of God

"Let us make man in our image." Gen 1:26

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰ and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so. ³¹ And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." (Gen. 1:26-31 NAS)

Man was created without fault

- He was good in the eyes of God
- Without stain or corruption
- Without fault or guilt
- He was morally upright
- He was given dominion over the earth
- He was given control over the animals and the plant life

Man was then given the responsibility to rule over the earth

“Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.” (Gen. 2:15-17 NAS)

Before the Fall Adam and Eve stood before God and they were naked and not ashamed – no fear or guilt Gen 2:25

In this state was perfect harmony and peace with God and each other

After Adam and Eve were tempted and gave in and violated the command of God they were guilty. From that time on man was filled with corruption and the principle of death

1. After the fall of Man fear and shame came upon Adam and Eve Gen 3:10

“And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” (Gen. 3:10 NAS)

- Once the command of God was violated the principle of death was unleashed
- Man experienced immediate spiritual death and eventual physical death when he took of the fruit of the tree.

2. God cursed Adam and Eve with great difficulty as a result of their sin Gen 3:16-19

The Sin of Adam and Eve brought great difficulty into the world. For with the sin they brought spiritual death and eventually physical death. This death spread to all their Children and their Children’s Children. All the way down to us

The violation of Adam brought condemnation to all. Romans 5

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12 NAS)

- BTW Paul Recognizes Adam as a Historical person and so do we
- And By God’s testimony this is how man is in the condition he is in

“for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.” (Rom. 5:13-14 NAS)

- What Paul says here is interesting: First that death reigned from Adam to Moses. So clearly sin spread to all. Why? Because they were in Adam. How? Some say physically others say representatively, I say both
 - We have inherent corruption given to us at birth – Physical relationship to Adam
 - We are also positionally guilty being a child of Adam. – representatively
 - This is why the Gospel is a positional righteousness (representative) and a new glorified body (physical). God takes care of both when He redeems us
- But our bigger point is this, the chief problem of man is sin
- Sin which fills us when

The Result of the fall is Romans 3:10-18

“as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;¹¹ There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;¹² All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."¹³ "Their throat is an open grave, With their tongues they keep deceiving," "The poison of asps is under their lips";¹⁴ "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness";¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood,¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their paths,¹⁷ And the path of peace have they not known."¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Rom. 3:10-18 NAS)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Rom. 3:23 NAS)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 6:23 NAS)

The Universal Problem is sin

- Effects everyone
- Has a 100% death rate
- If we shut down a country for a virus what should we do about sin?

“And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,” (Col. 2:13 NAS)

“The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.” (Ps. 58:3 NAS)

The result of sin is that man is corrupt in his heart and mind:

“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Gen. 6:5 NAS)

“And the LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done." (Gen. 8:21 NAS)

"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?" (Jer. 17:9 NAS)

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. ²³ "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." (Mk. 7:21-23 NAS)

"For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another." (Tit. 3:3 NAS)

We are in bondage to this corruption:

"You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies." (Jn. 8:44 NAS)

The World lies in the power of the Evil and are enslaved to do his will

"with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." (2 Tim. 2:25-26 NAS)

"By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother." (1 Jn. 3:10 NAS)

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one." (1 Jn. 5:19 NAS)

"Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." (Jn. 8:34 NAS)

Described in Romans 6:21 as being slaves to sin

Everyone is in this state: Not just one people group based on race, color, nationality, or gender. All people are corrupted by sin

"If Thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?" (Ps. 130:3 NAS)
Rom 3:10-18

"Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins." (Eccl. 7:20 NAS)

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him." (Isa. 53:6 NAS)

"For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." (Isa. 64:6 NAS)

And apart from God man is incapable of changing:

"Who can make the clean out of the unclean? No one!" (Job 14:4 NAS)

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin Or the leopard his spots? *Then* you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil." (Jer. 13:23 NAS)

As a result God gives the law to reveal to man his sin:

"because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin." (Rom. 3:20 NAS)

The law was given to reveal sin within man:

"for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law." (Rom. 5:13 NAS)

So because man disobeyed God, God has spent the rest of human history showing man his sin, and showing him his need for salvation

The Law will show you the wickedness of your heart but it will never transform you

- People see the law as a general suggestion
- The Law is seen as suggested rules to be broken

When God gave the law, He gave it with a promise. A promise of life for those who keep it and a promise of death to those who break it

Look at Deuteronomy Chapter 5

- This is the chapter which records the repeating of the 10 Commandments
- The 10 commandments were given in Ex 20
- Here the 10 Commandments are reiterated

Deut. 5:28-33

"And the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.²⁹ 'Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!³⁰ 'Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."³¹ 'But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I give them to possess.'³² "So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.³³ "You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, *that you may live*, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which you shall possess." (Deut. 5:28-33 NAS)

If you obey you will live. You will prosper. You will be blessed by God

- Blessing for people and nations have always come from honoring God
- This is why the language of God is all over our constitution, currency, and legal system
- A Nation that honors God is protected by God and blessed by God. A nation which rejects God is rejected by God and destroyed

If Man disobeys there is judgment:

"And it shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God, and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish." (Deut. 8:19 NAS)

"Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God." (Deut. 8:20 NAS)

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:²⁷ the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today;²⁸ and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known." (Deut. 11:26-28 NAS)

Deut 28:15-22

"But it shall come about, if you will not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.¹⁶ "Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shall you be* in the country.¹⁷ "Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.¹⁸ "Cursed *shall be* the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.¹⁹ "Cursed *shall you be* when you come in, and cursed *shall you be* when you go out.²⁰ "The LORD will send upon you curses, *confusion*, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.²¹ "The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land, where you are entering to possess it.²² "The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they shall pursue you until you perish." (Deut. 28:15-22 NAS)

But notice this, even after God predicts the rebellion of Israel He promises restoration if they repent:

Deut 30:1-20

"So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,² and you *return* to the LORD your God *and obey Him* with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,³ then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you . . ."

Jump down to verse 11:

"For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.¹² "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'¹³ "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'¹⁴ "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity;¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.¹⁷ "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are

drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it”

(Deut. 30:1-20 NAS)

Joshua gives this well-known exhortation to Israel before they went into the promise land:

"And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
(Jos. 24:15 NAS)

God has said of His people:

“and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”
(2 Chr. 7:14 NAS)

The OT promise of a blessed life is repeated in Proverbs:

“He who is steadfast in righteousness *will attain* to life, And he who pursues evil *will bring about* his own death.” (Prov. 11:19 NAS)

God has taught his people to live by His word. His words are words of life

Here is the problem from God’s perspective. Everyone is guilty. Everyone has sinned. Everyone has fallen short

- If you sin you die
- If you sin you forfeit the blessing of God
- If you sin you are under the curse
- If you sin you are guilty

On the other hand:

- If you obey you are blessed
- If you obey God is pleased to cause you to prosper
- If you obey God pours out his favor upon you

The Only Problem is that the law can never produce life

- The law does not transform the heart, the law only reveals the heart
- The law exposes the depth of corruption within

While the law is holy, just, and good, but it cannot save

- While it promises life to those who obey it promises death to those who disobey

The law leaves all mankind under the condemnation of death. While it holds out the promise of life and prosperity to those obey it only produces death in the sinner who is corrupt from within

The new Gospel is a gospel of law. Obey our new laws and live they promise. The law of hate. How to stop hate towards one group by showing hate towards another

- Obey our laws and be blessed
- For disobeying our law, you must give retribution
- Even if you yourself never committed the sin of racism your ancestors likely did, for that reason you need to make it right
 - You are guilty of breaking our law simply because of the color of your skin
- You need to pay the debts of your forefathers
- You are guilty just by your existence

This new gospel of the law of racism is no gospel at all

- It is a gospel of death to those it condemns and it is a gospel of death to those who believe it

Like the Law given in the OT it has now power to save, it can only condemn

For this new gospel goes against the gospel of God. A gospel of forgiveness

“for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins” (Matt. 26:28 NAS)

- If a people will not forgive, they will not be forgiven

No Christian can hold on to the message of the liberal Church and secular culture and be saved. For no Christian can hold on to a gospel that will not forgive and expect that God will forgive them

Christian we have a far better Gospel to proclaim and we need to proclaim it. It needs to start with the Church reminding people of their status before God. When that is establish the gospel of God’s forgiveness through Christ becomes lovely

And that is where we will turn our attention next week