

# A THEOLOGY OF RACE

*Set Within The American Context*

**RESURRECTED  
REFORMED BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

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**A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT**

**THE IMAGO DEI**

**THE TABLE OF NATIONS  
AND ETHNICITY**

**“THE CURSE OF HAM”**

**THE HISTORICAL  
BIBLICAL FLOW OF  
RACE/ETHNICITY**

**HOW DID RACISM  
START?**

**RACISM IS NOT  
COMPATIBLE WITH  
GOD’S COVENANT**

**SLAVERY**

**ABOLITION**

**JIM CROW**

**THE DIFFERENT FACES  
OF JUSTICE**

**VICTORY DOES NOT  
COME THROUGH  
COLOR-BLINDNESS**

**HOW THE GOSPEL IS  
THE ANSWER TO  
RACISM**

**OUR ESCHATOLOGY  
IMPACTS OUR VIEW  
OF RACE**

# Introduction

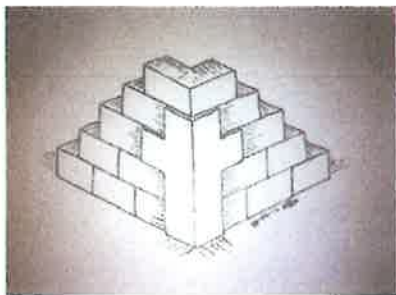
## **Genesis 1:26-31**

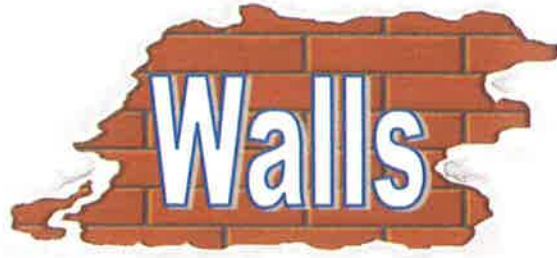
WHEREAS some doubts have risen whether children that are slaves by birth, and by the charity and piety of their owners made partakers of the blessed sacrament of baptism, should by vertue of their baptisme be made free; It is enacted and declared by this grand assembly, and the authority thereof, that the conferring of baptisme doth not alter the condition of the person as to his bondage or freedom; that diverse masters, freed from this doubt, may more carefully endeavour the propagation of christianity by permitting children, though slaves, or those of greater growth if capable to be admitted to that sacrament.. (Virginia Governmental act of 1667)

## **2 Corinthians 13:11**

Deem our nation brutes no longer,  
Till some reason ye shall find  
Worthier of regard, and stronger  
Than the color of our kind.  
Slaves of gold, whose sordid dealings,  
Tarnish all your boasted powers,  
Prove that you have human feelings  
Ere you proudly question ours.  
*The Negro's Complaint*  
William Cowper (1788)

# Why Is This Study?





**Walls**



**Bitterness**



**Power**



**Partiality**



**Apathy**

# Keep it Simple

# Fiction to Reality



# Defining Our Terms

## *Theology*

*Race*

*Ethnicity*

*Racism*



# What do we do with racists of the past?





# *History*

**History is the study of the record of the past.**

**History is the study of God's providential work in the past - for, through and in spite of humanity.**



1513 - Black Person - 1513 - Juan Gonzalez, came w/ Prince, Deland & came for  
 1526 - Reported group of Blacks 9/29/24 - Spanish group + were some slaves

Very 1st report of Africa's sold into ~~the~~ Slavery

# The Story of August 1619

TransAtlantic Slave Trade

1607  
Virginia  
Kingdom

*About the latter end of August, a Dutch man of Warr of the burden of a 160 tonnes arrived at Point-Comfort, the Comandors name Capt Jope, his Pilott for the West Indies one Mr Marmaduke an Englishman. They mett with the Treasurer in the West Indies, and determined to hold consort shipp hetherward, but in their passage lost one the other. He brought not any thing but 20. and odd Negroes, which the Governour and Cape Marchant bought for victualls (whereof he was in greate need as he pretended) at the best and easiest rates they could."*



# How Were These African's Viewed





**WE MUST RENOUNCE THE SIN, RECOGNIZE THE PATTERNS, REFUSE TO GIVE THEM A VOICE BUT HONESTLY AND CAREFULLY LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE SAID AND DONE.**



**REMEMBERING WITH REMORSE AND SORROW**