

## **One New Man**

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INTRODUCTION:

### **Seeking God's thoughts on race relations in the body of Christ:**

- I. What is it that defines us?**
  - a. Creation in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)**
  - b. the Fall into sin (Genesis 3:1-24)**
  - c. the Division at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)**
  - d. New Birth (1 Peter 1:3) \*see Scripture list below**

- II. **What is it that binds us?**
  - a. **the Gospel (Ephesians 2:13-16)**
  
  - b. **the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)**
  
  - c. **Love (Romans 5:5; 1 Peter 4:8; Colossians 3:14; see also 1 Corinthians 12:25-26; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17)**
  
- III. **What is it that governs us?**
  - a. **the priority of relationships in the local church (Romans 12:4-5, 9-21)**
  
  - b. **the Scriptures**
    - i. **discrimination (James 2:1-9; Romans 12:16; 1 John 3:17)**
  
    - ii. **speech (Proverbs 18: 2,13,15,17; James 1:19-20, 26; 3:1-12)**
  
    - iii. **divisions (Philippians 2:2-5; Romans 15:5-7)**
  
    - iv. **the one-another commands \*\* see Scripture list below**

## What might God be up to for us in this?

- To have us weep with those who weep (Rom 12:15; 1Cor12:26).
- To have us think deeply about sin and its consequences.
- To have us check our vain hopes that human institutions can solve spiritual problems.
- To have us soak our minds/hearts in the Scriptures (Col3:16). to press us to think God's thoughts. to take our thoughts captive to obedience under Christ (2Cor10:5). To cease taking our cues from the world around us (Col2:8; 2Cor6:14), to be countercultural, not being pressed into the mold of this world, but being transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom12:1-2).
- To show us our weakness / need/ dependence, and thereby magnify His grace (2Cor12:7-10).
- To produce personal sanctification through conflict (James 1:2-4).
- To have us check our relationships. Are we treating anybody in the body of Christ by partiality, discrimination, or oppression (1Tim5:21; James 2:1ff; 1Jn3:17)? Are we continuing to recognize people according to the flesh (2Cor5:16)?
- To have us fight harder to tame the tongue, that we might bring our speech (including our social media interactions) into conformity with Biblical principles (Prov18:2,13,15,17; James 1:19-20, 26; 3:1-12).
- To have us wrestle with issues of injustice. How do we patiently endure injustice *personally* (1Pet2:18-21), while advocating on behalf of others, speaking up for the most vulnerable among us (widows and orphans are the example in James), recognizing that our faith-statements really are useless without such care (James 1:27-2:26).
- To have us recall our identity in Christ (1Cor1:30).
- To think about our relationship to corrupt authority. What does it mean to identify corruption AND submit to the governing authorities (Rom13:1-7; 1Tim2:1-4; 1Pet2:12-17)? Increasingly, all Christians will suffer unjustly. We need to prepare our godly response.
- To have us learn to listen to each other, wait on the Lord, think God's thoughts, and pray.
- To have us set our minds on things above (Col 3:2).
- To have us long for heaven, where we will be surrounded by people who do not look like us but who all look like Jesus!
- To increase our practical unity, a real-life, God-wrought unity among people who are different from each other (1Cor 12:24-25).
- To promote actual love. Love is rich when it comes hard. Requires each of us laying down, living out sacrificial, selfless, Jesus-like love (1Cor 13 - a chapter written to a church marked by division!).
- To be the church; for the world to look in on us and marvel at an inexplicable unity that only the Gospel can produce (John 17:20-21).
- To increase our affections for Jesus, the ultimate cross-cultural bridge-builder. He was willing to become very uncomfortable for love. Consider His interactions with the Samaritan woman, feeding 4000 in Gentile territory, shocking Nicodemus with his "God loves the 'world'" talk, not to mention the fact that he tolerated being in the presence of a world of rebellious creatures who neither recognized nor worshipped Him. And He purchased, with His own blood, a people for His own possession from every tongue, tribe, nation, and people (Rev 5:9)!

## **\*The Christian's Identity in Christ:**

Christian, you are:

the called of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:6)  
one whose faith is credited as righteousness (Rom 4:5)  
blessed (Rom 4:7)  
forgiven (Rom 4:7)  
inheritor of the world (Rom 4:13)  
justified (Rom 5:1)  
at peace with God (Rom 5:1)  
saved from wrath (Rom 5:9)  
reconciled (Rom 5:10)  
under the reign of grace (Rom 5:21)  
in Christ's death (Rom 6:4)  
in Christ's resurrection life (Rom 6:4)  
not your old self (Rom 6:6)  
free from the mastery of sin (Rom 6:6)  
slaves of righteousness (Rom 6:18)  
slave of God (Rom 6:22)  
uncondemnable (Rom 8:1)  
indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9)  
sons of God (Rom 8:14)  
adopted (Rom 8:15)  
heirs of God, fellow-heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17)  
glory concealed (Rom 8:19)  
foreknown, predestined for Christ-likeness, called, justified, glorified (Rom 8:30)  
God's elect (Rom 8:33)  
interceded for by Christ (Rom 8:34)  
Inseparable from the love of God (Rom 8:35)  
overwhelming conquerors (Rom 8:37)  
the people of God (Rom 9:25)  
beloved (Rom 9:25)  
sons of the living God (Rom 9:25)  
the body of Christ (Rom 12:5)  
members of one another (Rom 12:5)  
set apart in Christ Jesus (1Cor 1:2)  
saints by calling (1Cor 1:2)  
spiritual people (1Cor 2:14-15)  
we have the mind of Christ (1Cor 2:16)  
God's field, God's building (1Cor 3:9)  
temple of God (1Cor 3:16)  
washed, sanctified, justified (1Cor 6:11)  
temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 6:19)  
bought with a price (1Cor 6:20)

brothers [and sisters] to each other (1Cor7:29\* other ref?)  
baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body (1Cor12:13) "Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, made  
to drink of one Spirit"  
placed by God in the body, just as He desired (1Cor12:18)  
destined for glorious physical resurrection (1Cor15:49)  
not home yet (2Cor5:8)  
new creation (2Cor5:17)  
walk in flesh, but not according to flesh (2Cor10:3)  
crucified with Christ (Gal2:20)  
blessed (Gal3:9)  
redeemed from the curse of the Law (Gal 3:13)  
sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal3:26)  
baptized into Christ (Gal 3:27)  
clothed with Christ (Gal 3:27)  
one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28) "neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free man, neither  
male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus"  
heirs according to promise (Gal 3:29)  
adoption as sons (Gal 4:6-7)  
know God; [personally] known by God (Gal 4:9)  
waiting (Gal 5:5)  
led by the Spirit (Gal 5:18)  
blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph 1:3)  
chosen before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4)  
predestined to adoption as sons (Eph 1:5)  
lavished in the riches of God's grace (Eph1 :7-8)  
we are God's inheritance (Eph1:11)  
sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph 1:13)  
God's possession (Eph 1:14)  
for God's praise (Eph 1:14)  
loved greatly by God (Eph 2:4)  
made alive (Eph 2:5)  
saved by grace (Eph 2:5)  
raised up with Jesus, seated with Him in heavenly places (Eph 2:6)  
God's workmanship (Eph 2:10)  
created to walk in the good works God prepared for us (Eph 2:10)  
brought near to God by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:13)  
one new man (Eph 2:15)  
together[J&G], we have access through Jesus in the Holy Spirit to the Father (Eph 2:18)  
fellow citizens (Eph 2:19)  
of God's household (Eph 2:19)  
a dwelling of God in the Spirit (Eph 2:22)  
fellow heirs, fellow members of the body, fellow partakers of the promise (Eph 3:6)  
members of one another (Eph 4:25)  
forgiven (Eph 4:32)  
beloved children (Eph 5:1)  
light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)

filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus (Phil 1:11)  
God is at work in you to please Him (Phil 2:13)  
citizens of heaven (Phil 3:20)  
waiting for Jesus (Phil 3:20)  
qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in light (Col 1:12)  
rescued from darkness (Col 1:13)  
transferred to the Kingdom of Jesus (Col 1:13)  
reconciled to God , to be presented before Him holy, blameless, beyond reproach (Col 1:22)  
buried with Jesus, raised up with Jesus (Col 2:12)  
made alive with Him and forgiven (Col 2:13)  
you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3)  
for whom Christ is our life (Col 3:4) "when Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."  
are a new man, being renewed into Christ's image (Col 3:10), "a renewal in which there is no distinction between greek and jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all" (3:11).  
chosen of God, holy and beloved (Col 3:12)  
insiders (Col 4:5)  
loved and chosen by God (1Thess 1:4)  
called to God's glory and kingdom (1Thess 2:12)  
sons of light, sons of day (1Thess 5:5)  
destined for salvation (1Thess 5:9)  
loved by the Lord, chosen (2Thess 2:13)  
set apart by the Spirit (2Thess 2:13)  
chosen of God (Titus 1:1)  
a people for God's own possession (Titus 2:14)  
saved by God's mercy (Titus 3:5)  
washed in regeneration (Titus 3:5)  
renewed by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)  
justified by His grace (Titus 3:7)  
made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7)  
brothers and sisters (Philemon 1-2)  
called brothers to Jesus (Heb 2:11)  
free from the slavery of fear of death (Heb 2:15)  
partakers of the heavenly calling (Heb 3:1)  
partakers of Christ (Heb 3:14)  
represented by Jesus (Heb 4:14)  
beloved (Heb 6:9)  
heirs of the promise (Heb 6:17)  
interceded for by Jesus (Heb 7:25)  
conscience cleansed from dead works to serve God (Heb 9:14)  
forever set apart through the offering of the the body of Jesus (Heb10:10)  
being sanctified, having been perfected forever (Heb 10:14)  
confident access to God through Jesus (Heb 10:19)  
hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience (Heb 10:22)

enlightened (Heb 10:32)  
sons of God (Heb 12:5)  
partakers of divine discipline (Heb 12:8)  
beloved brothers (James 1:16)  
firstfruits among God's creatures (James 1:18)  
chosen to obey Jesus, according to the foreknowledge of God, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit (1Pet 1:1-2)  
chosen to be sprinkled with Jesus' blood (1Pet 1:1-2)  
born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus (1Pet 1:3)  
possessors of an imperishable, undefiled, unfading, guarded inheritance (1Pet 1:4)  
protected by God through faith (1Pet 1:5)  
lover of Jesus (1Pet 1:8)  
believer in Jesus (1Pet 1:8)  
one who rejoices with great joy in salvation (1Pet 1:8)  
redeemed by the blood of Jesus (1Pet 1:18-19)  
born again through the living word of God (1Pet 1:23)  
have tasted of the kindness of the Lord (1Pet 2:3)  
living stones in a spiritual house (1Pet 2:5)  
holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices (1Pet 2:5)  
chosen race (1Pet 2:9)  
royal priesthood (1Pet 2:9)  
holy nation (1Pet 2:9)  
people for God's own possession (1Pet 2:9)  
called out of darkness into His marvelous light (1Pet 2:9)  
receivers of mercy (1Pet 2:10)  
aliens and strangers (1Pet 2:11)  
called to suffer injustice (1Pet 2:19-21)  
healed of the mortal sickness of sin (1Pet 2:24)  
heirs of the grace of life (1Pet 3:7)  
called to not return evil for evil (1Pet 3:9)  
the flock of God (1Pet 5:2)  
cared for by God (1Pet 5:7)  
enemy of Satan (1Pet 5:8)  
called to God's eternal glory in Christ (1Pet 5:10)  
receivers of faith (2Pet 1:1)  
granted everything pertaining to life and godliness through knowledge of God (2Pet 1:3)  
called by God's own glory and excellence (2Pet 1:3)  
partakers of the divine nature (2Pet 1:4)  
those who have escaped the corruption of the world (2Pet 1:4)  
those who long for a new heavens and new earth (2Pet 3:13-14)  
in fellowship with God (1Jn 1:3)  
in fellowship with one another (1Jn 1:7)  
cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus (1Jn 1:7)  
keeper of God's Word (1Jn 2:5)  
lover of his brothers (1Jn 2:10)  
abiding in the Light (1Jn 2:10)

sins have been forgiven (1Jn 2:12)  
knowers of God (1Jn 2:13)  
overcomers of the evil one (1Jn 2:13)  
strong, with the Word of God abiding in him (1Jn 2:14)  
alive forever (1Jn 2:17)  
anointed by the Holy One (1Jn 2:20)  
knower of the truth (1Jn 2:21)  
confessor of Jesus and the Father (1Jn 2:23)  
one who abides in Jesus and the Father (1Jn 2:24)  
taught by God (1Jn 2:27)  
born of God and practicing righteousness (1Jn 2:29)  
called the children of God (1Jn 3:1)  
unknown by the world (1Jn 3:1)  
not yet how you will appear (1Jn 3:3)  
one who loves his brother (1Jn 3:10)  
hated by the world (1Jn 3:13)  
passed out of death into life (1Jn 3:14)  
an overcomer of the antichrists in the world (1Jn 4:3-4)  
one who loves (1Jn 4:7)  
loved by God (1Jn 4:10)  
possessor of God's Spirit (1Jn 4:13)  
indwelt by God (1Jn 4:16)  
born of God (1Jn 5:1)  
one who loves the children of God (1Jn 5:2)  
one who keeps God's commandments (1Jn 5:2-3)  
one who overcomes the world (1Jn 5:4-5)  
one who has Jesus and has eternal life (1Jn 5:12)  
kept by God (1Jn 5:18)  
protected from the evil one (1Jn 5:18)  
one who abides in the teaching (2Jn 9)  
one who does good (3Jn 11)  
the called (Jude 1)  
beloved in God the Father (Jude 1)  
kept for Jesus Christ (Jude 1)  
in the love of God (Jude 21)  
preserved to stand in God's presence blameless with great joy (Jude 24)

### **\*\*The One-Another Commands:**

accept one another (Romans 15:7)  
admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)  
be at peace with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:13)  
be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)  
be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9)  
be humble toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)



be kind to one another (Ephesians 4:32)  
be of the same mind with one-another (Romans 12:16; 15:5)  
be subject to one another (Ephesians 5:21)  
bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)  
bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)  
build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)  
comfort one another with the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18)  
confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)  
do not challenge one another (Galatians 5:26)  
do not complain against one another (James 5:9)  
do not envy one another (Galatians 5:26)  
do not judge one another (Romans 14:13)  
do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)  
do not repay one another evil for evil (1 Thessalonians 5:15)  
do not speak against one another (James 4:11)  
do not sue one another (1 Corinthians 6:7)  
encourage one another in perseverance (Hebrews 3:13; 10:25)  
encourage one another regarding the rapture (1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)  
greet one another (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14)  
fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7; Hebrews 10:25)  
love one another (Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9; see also 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:22;  
1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11,12; 2 John 1:5; John 13:34-35; John 15:12,17)  
pray for one another (James 5:16)  
prefer one another (Romans 12:10; see also Phil 2:3-4)  
regard one another as more important than yourselves (Phil 2:3)  
Seek good for one another (1 Thessalonians 5:15)  
Serve one another (Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10)  
speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)  
Speak truthfully to one another (Ephesians 4:25)  
Stimulate one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)  
Tolerate one another (Ephesians 4:2)  
Wait for one another (1 Corinthians 11:33)  
Wash one another's feet (John 13:14)