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The Critical Race Theory

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The Bible teaches that men and women ought to draw only such conclusions as are warranted by the evidence. Faith itself is rooted in and based upon evidence (Hebrews 11:1). For this reason the apostle Paul informs us that “faith” only comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). In other words, faith rests squarely upon the evidence. It is not the drawing a conclusion for which there is little or no evidence. The same apostle admonishes us to “Prove all things” and hold fast to that which is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). And Luke reminds us that those at Berea were “more noble” than those at Thessalonica because they “searched the Scriptures daily” whether the things taught by the apostles were true (Acts 17:11).

In a word, God instructs mankind to honor the law of rationality. What exactly is that? It simply means that we should draw *only such conclusions as are warranted by the evidence*. This is the essence of faith. Faith is not “leaping into the dark” or drawing conclusions about the world that are fanciful. Christ’s resurrection, for example, is based solidly upon the rock of historical evidence that his body came out of the tomb. It is not Biblical faith for someone to say, “I don’t *know* that such-and-such is the case, but I *have faith* in it.”

What has this to do with the “Critical Race Theory?” The Critical Race Theory is a dangerous philosophy of postmodernism that says there is “no such thing as objective reality.” Instead, every person has his or her “own version” of the “truth” that is based upon one’s own “race” — be it black, white, Indian, Hispanic, etc. Anthony Cook, a black law professor at Georgetown University Law School, is a promoter of the “Critical Race Theory.” He explains that this theory “wants to bring race to the very center of the analysis of most situations. Its assumption is that race has affected our perception of reality and our understanding of the world in almost every way” (Jesse Lee Peterson, in *Scam: How the Black Leadership Exploits Black America*, 29). In other words, you think, act, and speak like you do *solely* due to your race. Karl Marx said it was due to your “economic condition.” President Woodrow Wilson posited that everyone thinks like they do because of the “historical condition” in which they find themselves.

All of these “theories” have one thing in common—***there is no ultimate truth. Truth is determined solely upon outward conditions, be it race, economics, or historical circumstance.*** This is why to preach the “unsearchable riches of Christ” becomes a real challenge in our current world. Once society has let go of an idea of ultimate truth or reality, people become like “waves of the sea, driven by the winds and tossed” (James 1:5). Jude describes these mindsets as “wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved for ever” (13).

We must stand solidly for the ultimate, absolute nature of truth which involves the commitment to the inspired Word of God; the death, burial and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the final judgment of all mankind based upon how we have lived in this life, with heaven as a reward for the faithful and hell as punishment for the wicked.