

One Race: The Kingdom Culture
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John 17:11 NCV

"I am coming to you; I will not stay in the world any longer. But they are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they will be ONE, just as you and I are ONE."

Galatians 3:28 NIV

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all ONE in CHRIST JESUS.

The nature of human culture is to elevate itself above another.

Genesis 11:1-9 NKJ

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Matthew 24:7 NKJ

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom ..."

Major shift: from earthly culture to Kingdom culture

Matthew 24:14 NKJ

“And this gospel of the KINGDOM will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

2 Starting Points:

1. Begin to value people regardless of nationality or culture.

Philippians 2:1-4 NCV

Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having ONE MIND AND PURPOSE. When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. DO NOT BE INTERESTED ONLY IN YOUR OWN LIFE, BUT BE INTERESTED IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

One of our challenges with the image of Christianity today is that we emphasize spiritual salvation but not social salvation.

2. Learn to love people who don't love you.

Matthew 5:43-48 NIV

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”