



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Racism

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The death of George Floyd in Minnesota on May 25th of this year elicited shock and grief from a nation already reeling from the coronavirus pandemic and its effects. Old questions and new controversies concerning race relations were, once again, brought to the forefront of the American consciousness. In light of these events we, as historic Bible-believing Fundamentalists, affirm the following:

1. That all people, whatever their ethnicity, come from one man, Adam, and share the same family tree belonging to one race — the human race (Acts 17:26).
2. That all people are made in God's image and, therefore, all lives have intrinsic value and dignity (Genesis 1:26-28; 9:5-6; James 3:9).
3. That all men are sinners by nature and by choice (Romans 3:10-19; 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22), and are subject to the curse visited upon mankind after the fall (Genesis 3:17-19).
4. That God is no respecter of persons, proclaiming His grace to all people (Acts 10:34-36; Romans 2:9-11), and offering salvation to all men through faith alone in the atoning work and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 11:13-18; Romans 1:16; 3:21-24).
5. That all those who have accepted Christ as Savior, no matter their ethnicity, have been brought into union with Christ; that "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free" (1 Corinthians 12:13), and are "fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).
6. That all of God's people are called to demonstrate kindness and compassion to others of every ethnicity, especially to those of the household of faith, while reaching out to a lost and dying world with the transforming message of the Gospel (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20). As Christians, we are also called to hate what is evil, scripturally and lovingly exposing it (Romans 12:9; Ephesians 5:11).

We, as Bible-believing Christians, are grieved over the plight of those who are suffering around the world, and we repudiate any movement or ideology, including white supremacy and anti-Semitism, which seeks to harm and disparage minority populations (Exodus 22:21; Zechariah 7:9-10).

Additionally, we reject worldly solutions to the problem of racial strife and injustice. The modern social justice and Black Lives Matter movements are intertwined with Critical Race Theory<sup>1</sup> and Intersectionality<sup>2</sup>, which espouse Marxist doctrine based upon the philosophies of scientific naturalism and secular humanism. We believe that the church of God must repudiate such movements which seek to undermine the Judeo-Christian tradition in American life, denigrate the traditional family unit, and promote instability and lawlessness in American society.

***THEREFORE***, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ on August 11, 2020, do exhort our churches to approach the issue of race relations in a careful and compassionate manner, to realize the root issue with any conflict is the sinful human heart with its solution being found in the gospel of Jesus Christ, to repent of and confess any hateful or racist attitudes within our own hearts, and to stand with courage upon the unshakable foundation which Scripture has provided.

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<sup>1</sup> "CRT recognizes that racism is engrained in the fabric and system of the American society. The individual racist need not exist to note that institutional racism is pervasive in the dominant culture. This is the analytical lens that CRT uses in examining existing power structures. CRT identifies that these power structures are based on white privilege and white supremacy, which perpetuates the marginalization of people of color." From UCLA's School of Public Affairs: <https://spacrs.wordpress.com/what-is-critical-race-theory/>.

<sup>2</sup> "Intersectionality came out of Critical Race Theory and was developed through the work of leftist Law Professor Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw in a 1989 paper. While some have called CRT a "cult of white resentment," Crenshaw maintains that it is a "philosophical framework that has come to dominate progressive activist thinking. Intersectional theory teaches that people are discriminated against because of multiple sources of oppression such as race, class, gender, sexual orientation, etc., that intersect in a person's life, putting them at risk for greater oppression. When multiple sources of oppression intersect, greater discrimination occurs, according to her theory." – Source: Article (6-27-2019) by Rudy Gray of baptistcourier.com.



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on The Relationship of Christians to Civil Government

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**WHEREAS**, all civil government is setup and removed by God and ultimately accountable to Him (Daniel 2:21; Romans 13:1); and

**WHEREAS**, even bad civil government is better than no civil government at all, due to the fall and enduring sin nature of all men (Romans 13:3-4); and

**WHEREAS**, the duties of all Christians to civil authorities include giving them our submission (Romans 13:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-14), our honor and respect (Exodus 22:28; 1 Peter 2:17), the timely payment of our taxes (Matthew 22:17-21; Romans 13:6-7), our prayer as model citizens (1 Timothy 2:1-2), and possibly serving in a political office to be an influence for good (Matthew 5:14-16; examples of Joseph, Esther, Daniel, Nehemiah); and

**WHEREAS**, God is the final authority of every believer (1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 103:19, 115:3; Isaiah 45:18; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11); and

**WHEREAS**, Christians may at times find it necessary to disobey their civil authorities in order to obey God's commands or to avoid doing what God forbids (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29); and

**WHEREAS**, the consciences of individual believers and Christian leaders will result in a spectrum of legitimate applications of the biblical principles articulated above (Romans 14:2);

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, New Jersey on August 11, 2020:

1. affirm the above biblical principles concerning civil government; and
2. urge all FFBC members and those in member churches to thank and trust God regarding the civil government He has ordained and to fulfill the aforementioned duties; and
3. urge all FFBC members and those in member churches to "obey God rather than men" courageously whenever Christian duty to civil authority conflicts with Christian duty to God; and
4. urge all FFBC members and those in member churches to graciously love brethren who may differ from them on the application of the biblical principles articulated above (Romans 14; Galatians 5:13).