I. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT RACISM?

A. Black Lives Matter (BLM) as a movement began in 2013 in response to two separate police shootings of two young black men.

1. Biblically speaking “BLM” is true because African-Americans are equally created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26).

2. Some, mostly white Americans, respond by saying, “All Lives Matter”.

B. What does the Bible say about race and racism?

1. First, all people are created equal—Gen. 1:27.

2. Second, all people have equal standing with God—Gal. 3:28.

3. Third, favoritism of any race is a sin—James 2:1.


5. Fifth, Jesus died for all people regardless of race—Rev. 14:6.

C. Rick Warren, pastor of the California mega church called “Saddle Back Church” said in a sermon....

1. “Our nation is desperate for healing and the Church cannot be silent.”

2. He then quoted Titus 2:11.

3. Then Pastor Warren said, “God has never made a person He doesn’t love.”

4. He also read from 2 Chronicles 19:7.

5. The Bible has a lot to say about racism. The Church, should also speak up and refuse to stay silent.
II. SO, KNOWING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT RACISM, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

A. From the time he became a Christian, Billy Graham said, “I could not understand segregation in the Church.”

B. So, what can we do, as Churches and Christians to take down the ropes, not just of segregation, but also ropes of racism?

1. Ed Stetzer, the Billy Graham Professor of Church and Evangelism at Wheaton College, says there are three things we must do to take down the ropes of racism.

   a. First, realize we Christians are called to demonstrate the radical love of Jesus.

   b. Second, recognize all people are members of the human race, regardless of color.

   c. Third, make a personal commitment to do better than we have in the past—1 John 4:20.

2. Rick Warren adds three more things we must do to take these ropes down.

   a. First, we must see people as God does.

   b. Second, we must learn to listen to other people with respect instead of responding defensively.

   c. Third, we must love everyone as Jesus does—John 15:12.

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   My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.