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Message Info

Title:

Bearing the Burdens of
Race

Speaker:

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Galatians 6:2-3

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Theme: When the Lord calls us to bear one another's burdens those burdens include matters of race.

Introduction: The call to bear one another's burdens is basic and vital for us as Christians. When we see a brother or sister struggling under a burden, whether literal or metaphorical, we are to go to them and to seek to help and to care for them. Thus we fulfill the law of Christ in loving our neighbors as ourselves (Gal 5:14). This burden-bearing includes matters of race.

Here are three reasons that we are called to carry the burdens of racism for our brothers and sisters:

1. We are members and family

Last week's sermon unpacked this further: our identity as Christians makes us family, it makes us a body

If members of our body are affected by racism, we shouldn't leave them to toil alone. We should help them to carry that burden.

2. We have neighbors and our neighbors are suffering

People all around us are in tremendous turmoil. And the world doesn't have good answers to the suffering and injustices of racism.

Ideas like Social Justice, Critical Race Theory, White Privilege, being Woke, and Intersectionality are quite mixed. They may have elements of truth, but they are also established and championed by those with unbiblical theologies and values.

Like the Good Samaritan, we have a responsibility to our neighbors to care for them in their pain and suffering. We can both show biblical care and reject unbiblical thinking and values.

3. History matters

The history of African-Americans contains many elements of injustice, suffering, and oppression. That history matters. We can understand and apply that history in our care for one another.

There are many examples of prejudice and injustice that our brothers and sisters have personally experienced. That history matters.

We also know the Lord of History who is bringing all things to his appointed ends.

One day, we will stand before him with saints from every tongue, tribe, and nation; and that vision of the future must affect how we live now.

Questions:

1. How are you bearing the burdens of your brothers and sisters in the church?
2. Is your understanding of sin, guilt, and justice biblical? Or are the world's voices loudest in how you think about racism and justice?