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"GOD'S LOVE FOR EVERY RACE"

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TITUS 2:11 (NASB), "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation **to all men.**"

2 CHRONICLES 19:7, "Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will **have no part** in unrighteousness or **partiality** or taking of bribes."

CORE TRUTH: DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS ARE DIVINE APPOINTMENTS.

TRUTH: Color isn't to be ignored but celebrated as God's plan.

I. RACE WAS GOD'S IDEA (Titus 2:11).

TRUTH: Racial reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel Message (2 Chronicles 19:7 NLT).

Three things that make God mad:

1. Taking bribes
2. Perverted justice

TRUTH: Fairness for only a few isn't fairness at all!

INSIGHT: God's plan for "The Hill," if we are to call ourselves God's church, is that we are an "all-nation" congregation.

3. Partiality

TRUTH: Partiality is treating one group of people better than another group.

REMEMBER THIS ABOVE ALL: RACE WAS GOD'S IDEA.

II. RACIAL PREJUDICE REJECTS GOD'S PLAN (2 Corinthians 5:18, 20).

TRUTH: Prejudice is a sign of ignorance of God's plan for the human race.

TRUTH: Knowledge shows up on a test. Wisdom shows up in relationships (James 3:17; 1 John 2:11).

TRUTH: Wisdom shows up in your relationships with family and people.

INVITATION: Three truths we need to embrace:

1. Don't be blind to ethnicity...that's insulting.
2. Don't say "I understand your world."
3. God's plan to bring the races together is the Church! (1 Cor. 12:13, 27; Gal. 3:26-28)