

NOW WORD Covenant Church
Grace for Every Race
Sunday, February 23, 2020

Introduction: We want to take time out to remember the Black Americans who struggled and died for freedom and equality in American History. The emphasis is on the heroics and bravery of Black Americans fighting for their freedom, not the systemic racism they had to fight against to become **hate** month.

Mark 16:15-16 (ESV)

v.15. And he said to them, “Go into **all** the **world** and proclaim the **gospel** to the **whole creation**. **v.16.** Whoever **believes** and is **baptized** will be **saved**, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Contributors to Black History Month

Science: George Washington Carver (peanut)

Inventors: Garrett Morgan – Three Light Traffic Signal

Medicine: Daniel Hale Williams - Heart Surgery

Education: Patrick Francis Healy (1866) – First Black to Earn PhD

Economics: Robert L. Johnson – First Black Billionaire

Politics: Barak Obama - Our First Black President

Arts and Literature: Harlem Renaissance - New Negro Movement

Our Message:

1. Our Dark _____ – slavery, segregation, and civil rights

“Every race and religion are guilty of being involved in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade industry.”

Timeline: slavery, segregation, and civil rights

1619 – Indentured servants come to Jamestown, Va.

1776 – chattel slavery was institutionalized

1863 – Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation

1864 – 13th Amendment

1868 – 14th Amendment

1869 – 15th Amendment

1877 – Reconstruction, Black Codes, and Jim Crow Laws

1964 – Civil Rights Act

1965 – Voting Rights Act

2. The Present _____ – our racial and cultural divide

➤ **Racial** – racism, prejudice, and bigotry

“Racism, prejudice, and bigotry is evidence of man’s broken relationship with God.”

- **Religion** – White Church versus Black Church
- **Economics** – Capitalism (private ownership) versus Socialism (community ownership)
- **Education** – Private, Public, or Homeschool
- **Politics** – Democrats versus Republicans

3. The Church and _____ – Grace for every Race!

- We are all one

Acts 17:26. And He has made from **one blood** every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings. (NKJV)

References: Romans 3:23, Philipians 2:10-11

- What is God doing through Christ?

Ephesians 1:9-10 (NLT)

v.9. God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ-which is to fulfill his own good plan. **v.10.** And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring **everything** (race) together under the authority of Christ-everything in heaven and on earth.

- What is God doing through the Church?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (ESV)

v.18. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation**; **v.19.** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the **message of reconciliation**.

- Our current struggles in the church – Acts 6:1 (NLT)

“The gospel is not a **social-political** movement, but a **spiritual movement** to **call everyone** everywhere to **repent of their sins and turn** unto God by **His grace**, in Jesus Christ.” ~PK

Reference: Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

“**Grace** for every race **eliminates** discrimination based upon race, social status, or gender because we’re **all one** in Jesus Christ.” PK

“**Equality** for all races will never come by **legislation**, but by **revelation** of Jesus Christ.” ~PK

New Perspective in Christ

- Black-Christian-external-Image of Race
- Christian Black-internal-Image of God