

Critical Race Theory (crt)

- 1) Bible warns us about misleading philosophies (Col. 2:15, “beware,” KJV).
- 2) America has not been exempt. James Madison University – new claim about “oppressors.”
- 3) If you are *male, straight, cisgender, athletically built*, or Christian, likely an “oppressor.”
- 4) How did America get to this point and what should Christians do?
- 5) People have taken wrongs from the past and started to use them in some new ways.
- 6) Some are treated badly for a variety of reasons. 2 of these reasons are gender & skin color.
 - a) “Sundown towns.”
 - b) “Get your hamburger through the window.”
 - c) Separate schools, separate bathrooms, separate buses, low quality schools.
- 7) God’s solution to discrimination is repentance (Acts 17:30) and love (Jn. 13:34-35).
- 8) What is the world’s solution?
- 9) CRT says American laws and legal institutions were built on racist ideology.
- 10) There are some strong parallels between the Bible and our laws/legal institutions.
- 11) We may see the day when the Bible is identified as a racist book & every Christian is a racist.
- 12) Paul “reasoned” with people (Acts 17:17) about their culture (Acts 17:23) as well as God.
- 13) CRT has moved from college level to the lower levels of our educational system.
- 14) We still have some fine people in our schools, but we have some who are zealous for CRT.
- 15) Some young minds are being infected – a neighbor.
- 16) The subjects of skin color and discrimination are regularly discussed in our world.
- 17) If the Bible deals with these topics, we need to be knowledgeable and ready to discuss them.
- 18) What do we learn from Jn. 4:9?
- 19) What do we learn from Acts 10:28?
- 20) What is the reason for discriminatory treatment in Jas. 2:1-10?
 - a) The world is telling us “institutions defile.” Is this what the Bible teaches?
 - b) What did Jesus say in Mt. 15:11?
- 21) Groups like JMU say if we meet certain criteria, we are guilty/at least suspect by default.
- 22) This is akin to the false doctrine of original sin, a teaching God says is absolutely false.
 - a) Ezek. 18:4-13, 20
 - b) No one is born a racist. Discrimination is a learned behavior.
 - c) Are babies and mothers separated by color in maternity wards?
 - d) Treating one person/group unfairly or unequally is a hateful versus loving.
 - e) Claiming that one is superior is sin, but many claim the issue is skin color.
 - f) Elevating one above another can also create pride.
- 23) Men often erect barriers between others; God breaks down barriers, Eph. 2:12, 14-16.
- 24) If people are guilty of discrimination, they can change – Josh. 24:15; 1 Cor. 6:11.
- 25) The world often speaks about fixing problems, but it never mentions our biggest issue –
- 26) Heb. 12:14.
- 27) All are guilty of sin - Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:11-12 – and all need the exact same solution.
- 28) When it comes to race, God settled any questions during the creation process.
- 29) There is only _____ kind of flesh for human beings (1 Cor. 15:39).
- 30) Every person is _____ (Acts 17:26, KJV).
- 31) In spite of how God made us, some want to bring people into _____ (Gal. 2:5).
- 32) How was Peter treated when he treated some Gentiles unequally (Gal. 2:12)?
- 33) Rather than “elevate voices,” we need to _____ (Mt. 17:5b).

- 34) CRT seeks to replace objective truth with the experiences of people (experience over truth).
- 35) Listening to others can help us identify problems.
- 36) God has said we need objective truth – Jn. 8:32; 12:48; Jude 3.
- 37) The real question is: Will we accept and promote God’s solution or the world’s ideas?
- 38) God’s word offers the power (Heb. 4:12) and guidance (2 Tim. 3:16-17) to correct issues.
- 39) What if some opt for what the world is offering?
- a) Discuss the matter with gentleness – Gal. 6:1; Mt. 7:12.
 - b) Never forget the world wants to divide people, but God is the great uniter (Jn. 17:21).
 - c) Work to live in peace with all people (Rom. 12:18; Eph. 4:3).
 - d) Don’t assume the worst about people, especially Christians, if they think CRT is good.
- 40) Some videos which offer additional information on CRT:
- 41) 2 minute intro - <https://bit.ly/3AWq1VN>
- 42) The 4 pillars of CRT - <https://bit.ly/2VQJCZi>
- 43) John Macarthur on CRT- <https://bit.ly/3xLcTlp>
- 44) A college professor who supports CRT - <https://bit.ly/2UnJ8cU>
- 45) Some are standing up against CRT - <https://bit.ly/3m4zpn2>
- 46) How did we get here? <https://www.gbemarshall.org/crt>**
- 47) CRT has a religious structure as seen by the following comparisons:
- a) CRT has ORIGINAL SIN (racism).
 - b) CRT has LAW (antiracism).
 - c) CRT has a GOSPEL (racial reconciliation).
 - d) CRT has MARTYRS (people who have been mistreated or killed).
 - e) CRT has PRIESTS (oppressed minorities).
 - f) CRT has a MEANS OF ATONEMENT (reparations).
 - g) CRT has a NEW BIRTH (wokeness).
 - h) CRT has a LITURGY (lament).
 - i) CRT has a CANON (books, articles, at least one movie, etc.).
 - j) CRT has THEOLOGIANS (Kendi, Brown, Crenshaw, MacIntosh, etc.).
 - k) CRT has a CATECHISM (“say their names”).
 - l) CRT offers has NO SOTERIOLOGY (salvation).
 - m) There is only perpetual penance “to battle an incurable disease.”
 - n) Like a cult, CRT redefines well-known words to help spread its message.