

I. Survey Genesis 1:1-28

- A. God created all that exists.
- B. God created the heavens, the earth and all that exists within the earth such as plants, fruits, animals, etc.
- C. God created plants, fruits and animals, to produce “after their kind.”
- D. God created mankind “in [Their] image,” “according to [Their] likeness.”
- E. God created woman out of man, which is still “in [Their] image,” “according to [Their] likeness.”
- F. Mankind produces according to their kind which means they produce babies bearing “the image of God,” “according to the likeness of God.”

II. Implication of God’s Creation of Mankind

- A. God created Adam and Eve, male and female. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- B. We all come through one man, Adam, and one woman, Eve. (Genesis 3:20)
- C. Therefore, we are all descendants from the first family, Adam and Eve. (Acts 17:26)
- D. Even though we are all descendants from one family, we are multi-ethnic in our existence. (Revelation 7:9)
- E. There is only one race– that is, the human race– made up of multi-ethnicities. (Acts 17:26)
- F. In one sense we are the same. (Acts 17:26)
- G. In another sense we are different. (Acts 17:26)
- H. In another sense we are unique. (Psalm 139:13-16)
- I. Since we are all created in the image of God, there is nothing intrinsically different about any ethnic group in relation to ability, capacity, or potential. (Acts 17:26)
- J. Since God is no respecter of persons, He did not create a hierarchy of race that deemed one race less than or greater than based upon the color of their skin. This is a construct based upon the noetic effects of sin. (Romans 3:9, Acts 15:8-9)

- K. "Skin color is simply a physical trait. It is a feature that has no bearing on one's intrinsic dignity."¹
- L. "Physical traits that we usually think of in defining a set of people are biblically marginal, biologically ambiguous, superficial in relation to personhood. The heart that believes one group of people are more valuable than another is a sinful heart. And that sin is called racism. The behavior that distinguishes one group of people as more valuable than another is a sinful behavior. And that sin is called racism."²
- M. "Whatever feature we may look at, no people group has anything that is uniquely different from that possessed by another. Sure, there might be variations in size and color or shape, but they are all essentially the very same features. With a proper understanding of what is happening beneath the skin, all of our so-called 'racial differences' start to look very trivial, don't they?"³

"An explanation of the origin of race consistent with creation will lead to human equality, because we are all in God's image. Thus, if creationists are racist, they are being inconsistent with their framework. An evolutionary account of biological variety assumes that differences within groupings reflect the fact that some are 'higher' on the evolutionary scale than others. Thus, if evolutionists are racist, they are consistent with their framework."⁴

If all people groups have the same origin, then all people groups are equal in the sight of God. Where there are premises, policies, procedures, or propaganda that promote a hierarchy of people groups that are greater than or less than, we are seeing earthly, natural, demonic wisdom in process. Where earthly, natural, demonic wisdom is in process, we will see confusion, disorder, and every evil thing within people groups and amongst people groups (James 3:13-16). Let us embrace God's view of mankind above and against any ideologies that promote something different. (Colossians 2:8)

¹ Jemar Tisby. *The Color of Compromise* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan), 18-19. Kindle Edition.

² John Piper, *Bloodlines* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway), 238- 239. Kindle Edition.

³ Ken Ham and A. Charles Ware, *One Race One Blood* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books), 100- 116.

⁴ Carl F. Ellis Jr., *Free at Last? (The IVP Signature Collection)* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press), 148. Kindle Edition.