

The New Testament Church  
Spiritual Warfare #3 – Kingdom Ethnicity – Psalm 2:7-8; 22:27-28  
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- I Spiritual Warfare in the Nations – *Church must overcome racial pride to birth the Kingdom*
- A. The **lie** is this – some ethnic groups are inherently racist and can never be redeemed
  - B. The **truth** is the Kingdom of God manifests bottom up in multiple cultures by redeeming the qualities designed from Creation starting in individual hearts to discipling nations
    - 1. God created men and women in His image (potential), but they fell due to sin (fallen)
    - 2. Nations, tribes (races), people (family), tongues (individuals) extensions of individuals
    - 3. Acts 17:16 - *God has made from one blood every nation!* (God’s creation image)
  - C. Satan is an *accuser* and a *liar* – accusing God and bringing division – Ge. 3:1-7; Jn. 8:44
    - 1. The pattern of lies (reputations) emerge from Satanic deception - see also 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:16
      - a. The woman (and man) saw tree was good for food – lust of the flesh – pleasure
      - b. They knew it was pleasant to the eyes – lust of the eyes – power
      - c. They knew it was desired to make one wise – pride of life – pride
    - 2. The two areas of *ignoring* or *obsessing* over the enemy are seen in racial attitudes
      - a. The church often *ignores* its cultural pride, hindering serving as salt and light
      - b. Today *Christian nationalism* is an obsession – politics and the Kingdom of God
  - D. What is culture?
    - 1. Cultivated by the heart (Pr. 4:32) – “religion externalized” in life – Rushdoony
    - 2. Cultures – customs (spiritual), language (intellectual), and skills (technology)
    - 3. Believers are called to influence culture – (leaven) Mt. 13:33; (salt/light) Mt. 5:13-14
  - D. Don’t be deceived by the Enemy – Galatians 3:28 – the gospel brings transcendent unity
    - 1. He seeks to divide by race – superiority or inferiority – Galatians 3:28
    - 2. Division by skin color (less than .012% variation biologically)
    - 3. Sin of slavery – every nation must repent – slavery still exists across the globe
    - 4. Division by gender – male vs. female – a future message coming...
    - 5. Every culture expresses the most influential spiritual values in its midst

II Psalm 2:7-8; 22:27-28

- A. The “ethnos” are Christ’s inheritance – a multi-cultural expression all over the globe!
  - 1. Christ died for individuals, and cultures can express redeemed individuals
  - 2. We work for the Kingdom to manifest in *all* cultures!
- B. Christ inherits Nations - Matthew 25:31-47; Revelation 22:2; Psalm 22:27-28
  - 1. Nations are judged in this life – individuals are judged in the next
  - 2. Nations, tribes, peoples and tongues will be healed – for eternity!
- C. Ancient Israel and the Nations - Psalm 22:27-28
  - 1. Only Israel was chosen by God – other nations can now choose Him!
  - 2. How? – Church influences as salt and light, people voluntarily choose righteous laws
- D. Let us agree with God and decree the following that Christ’s inheritance would come!
  - 1. Help us, Lord, to *repent* of arrogant attitudes that demean other cultures
  - 2. Let us seize opportunities to *serve*, visit and pray for those of different cultures
  - 3. We affirm that Christ’s Kingdom is a *tapestry* of redeemed people and cultures
  - 4. We affirm that Christ’s Kingdom *transcends* and supersedes the politics of a nation
  - 5. We affirm that the only *worthy* one is Christ, but He is able to redeem!