

Sermon Date: Sunday, 19 May 2019

Speaker: Pastor Walker Schurz

Sermon Title: Grace Healed Eyes: Unbiblical Racial Myths

Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:12-15

Greetings,

It is Connection Group time! **The goal** of the Connection Group meeting is to provide **everyone** an opportunity to **pursue authentic** relationship and **spiritual growth**. You can't grow spiritually unless you are connected relationally. It is a place where others get to know you and benefit from **your talents** and **gifts**. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** tells us ' *Two are better than one, for they have a good return for their labor, if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up*'. Life is better Connected. Stay Connected.

The series '**Graced Healed Eyes**' has broken down the walls of hostility that the world had created around us by telling us that some people are better than others because of their ethnic background, skin color, gender, social or economic status and many other discriminatory aspects. In this final sermon of the series, **Unbiblical Racial Myths**, we tear down more lies people have concocted to pursue their own personal agenda and tried to divert Gods plan and truth for the human race. Tune into the discussion and be part of the winning team that is setting the record straight by upholding Gods truth on the matter!

Mark Hankins is preaching on **Sunday 26 May** in both services and having a special Holy Ghost service in the evening at 18:30 hours. Mark travels around the world actively sharing the message of faith and the work of the Holy Spirit to every generation and to every nation. He has been strengthening believers with his unique anointing through various channels such as television, radio and mission trips. We encourage you to bring family and friends, those saved and unsaved, seeking to encounter God on a deeper level.

Pray without ceasing! Be part of the **Corporate Prayer** by joining a prayer session that happens daily: morning, afternoon and evening. Check for the time and day that suits you from the prayer schedule in this bulletin.

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email:
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God bless you!

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PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

Pray for MLFC missionaries:

- That they would rely on God's grace as they fulfil their assignments.
2 Corinthians 12:9
- That God opens doors of ministry opportunity and provides protection for them.
1 Corinthians 16:9 and 2 Corinthians 2: 12
- That God gives utterance and boldness as they proclaim the Gospel
Ephesians 6:18-19 and Colossians 4:4

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: UNBIBLICAL RACIAL MYTHS

A Getting to Know Each Other

What would your description of a 'perfect weekend' be?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Texts: Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV, Ephesians 2:12-15 NKJV and Acts 17:24-27

1. How has this series impacted your life so far?
2. God loves diversity. We see in **Acts 17:24-27** that God has deliberately made us ethnically different. Some people have tried to distort this truth by quoting the account of Noah in **Genesis 9:18-27** and stating that some races were cursed and made inferior to others.
 - Read **Genesis 9:18-27** and explain how this myth is not true about Africa.
 - To what extent has this distortion affected you? I.e. do you see yourself as inferior or superior to someone of a different race?
 - How was this myth communicated to you?
 - What Biblical backing can you quote to refute this myth?
3. Another myth that has wrongly been propagated is 'God wants the races to remain separate or pure'. Some places like South Africa believed that inter racial marriages is against Gods law. This myth was a misinterpretation of **Deuteronomy 7:3-4**.
 - Explain the correct interpretation of this scripture.
 - Moses married a Cushite and Boaz married a Moabite. What can you learn from these inter-ethnic relationships?

C Take Home

Let us be careful not to use the Bible to try and defend unbiblical myths. Find out what God says on every matter by always searching scripture for yourself. The word of God never conflicts itself.