

Critical Race Theory

A Biblical Response

Guiding Principles

- First Chronicles 12:32 “men of Issachar”
- Habakkuk 3:2 “in wrath remember mercy”
- Jonah 1:2 “Arise go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against that city, for their wickedness has come up before me”
- Ephesians 4:17, 23, 25 “testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the gentiles, in the futility of their mind” “be renewed in the spirit of your mind”, “let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,”

Vocabulary

- **Critical Race Theory** identifies power structures in the American society that are based on white privilege and white supremacy. It has a *canon* of literature that describes ideas, modes of thought, and ethics that explain the marginalization of *people of color*. CRT rejects meritocracy, the idea that law is neutral or colorblind, equality theory, Enlightenment rationalism (objective truth and reason) or even neutral principles of constitutional law.

Critical Theory

A new **lens** to look through!

- “**Critical**” is a way of thinking that **criticizes** large structural issues causing **inequities** in culture; this thinking allows you to deny objective truth. Knowledge then becomes **reflective** of the values and interests of those who produce it.
- “**Theory**” is a catchall term for the thinking behind Critical Social Justice and the canon of literature that is produced about this subject. Theory becomes a **worldview**. Therefore, critical race theory is the thinking that allows you to have a canon of literature that produces a way of thinking that is **superior** to objective truth and then you base all of your actions on **inequities** observed.
- Both of these are used to take the narrative back!

Intersectionality in CRT

An intersection in sites of oppression

- This is a term that helps describe layers of oppression that **minorities** suffer in America.
- The identities that can produce this social location-oppression are ethnicity, race, social class, gender identity, and sexual orientation.
- This term has its roots in **Marxism** to further the idea of identity politics. (divide – conquer)
- Some social locations such as white, heterosexual, male and wealthy produce privilege through oppression.

Would a sincere Christian with a good heart reject or accept CRT?

- Ephesians 4:14 – 16 (addressed to a church)
- We need to be built up “so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by which every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Woke

Being awakened to social oppression!

- **Woke** means being alert to social justice. Woke assumes there are oppressors and oppressed. Being woke can be a religion. Woke has zealots for actions that produce social change. It is willing to bully because it is a religion without grace or mercy.

Questions and Answers

- 1. Critical Race Theory, intersectionality and woke divide people into groups. What does the Bible say about the family of God?
- 2. What are some objective truths in the first couple of chapters of Genesis and the objective truths of the gospel itself?

Biblical View

Justice-Oppressed

- Isaiah 1:16-17 “Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.”
- Hosea 5:10 “Judah’s leaders are like those who move boundary stones. I will pour out my wrath on them like a flood of water.” (Injustice)
- Amos 2: 6 – 7 “This is what the Lord says: for three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as upon the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed.” verse 13 “Now then I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.”
- Jeremiah 22:15-16
- “Your father Josiah “did what was right and just” he “defended the cause of the poor and needy.”

Luke 4:16 – 19

Isaiah 61:1 – 2

- “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted,
- He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
- CRT says “inequity must mean injustice.”
- CRT says equity is justice!

Onward Christian Soldiers

Casual Christians

- Matthew 5:10-11
- “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.”
(flower shop owner, bakery owner)
- CRT may eventually use the same terminology against Christians that is proving successful against white people. White privilege will become Christian privilege: white oppression will become Christian oppression.
- The **privileges** (hegemonic power) of Christians are rooted in “the assumptions underlying institutional rules and the collective consequences of following those rules... are maintained through the pervasive but largely invisible culture of normative religious practices.” (Adams, Bell, and Griffin, *Teaching For Diversity and Social Justice*, page 256.)

War Realized

- Ephesians 6:12
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places”
- Baucham claims “critical race theory, intersection– analogy, critical social justice, and their antecedents – Marxism, conflict theory, and critical theory – are ‘cosmic powers over this present darkness’.”

Biblical Lens

American DNA

- Hebrews 9:27
- “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,”
- The Bible consistently has the lens that each person is responsible for their own sins. This biblical reality rejects the sin of racism as presented by CRT as entirely structural. Racism is a problem of the **human heart** and the only solution is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yes, the culture is broken and “the mission of the church begins with and works through the hearts of men.” pg 210
Baucham

Biblical Lens Justice is not Social Justice

- Deuteronomy 16:19 – 20 (Equal-fair-justice)
- “You shall not pervert justice. You shall **not** show **partiality**, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow,”
- Romans 13:10
- “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”
- Leviticus 19:15
- You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.”
- James 2:1
- “do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with partiality,”

Lens of Life

- Marxism: oppressors, oppressed, capitalism, conflict theory (social classes competing for resources) hegemony (social control achieved through conditioning and consent of both the oppressed and the oppressors).
- Sociology: the study of people living in groups.
- Philosophy: search for human wisdom and knowledge that describes why people act, think, and behave in certain ways.
- Humanism: a system of thought based confidently on the nature of man and the ideals of man to produce ethical persons and ideal secular culture in a non-theistic way.
- Secularism: a system and practice that disregards (prevents) any religious faith or worship in public or government.

The Best of America!

- When colonial Americans revolted against the British crown and established a democratic, constitutional government founded on the belief that “all people are created **equal**, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;” their thinking involved the ideals of **objective truth** and reasonable people coming to **reasoned** decisions. This kind of thinking produced the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Genesis 1:26 – 28

There is one human race!

- “Then God said, let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created man in his own image, in the image of **God**, he **created** him ; **male and female** he created them. God blessed them and said to them be fruitful and increase in number;”

Back to the Garden of Eden

Genesis 3:1 – 13

- “Now the serpent... Said to the woman, **did God really say** you must not eat from any tree in the garden? The woman said to the serpent, we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say you must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die. **You will not surely die**, the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the **eye**, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it.... The serpent deceived me and I ate.”

First John 2: 15 – 16

- “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – **the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does** – comes not from the Father but from the world.”
- First John 2: 9
- “Anyone who claims to be in the light but **hates** his brother is still in the darkness.”

A different way of thinking!

Not Webster's or Biblical

- “Critical Race Theory, the view that the law and legal institutions are inherently racist and that **race itself**, instead of being biologically grounded and natural, is a **socially constructed concept** that is used by people to further their economic and political interests at the expense of people of color.”
- Encyclopedia Britannica, May 28, 2020
- “Whiteness is not about your biology, it's about ideology,”
 - Jarvis Williams, in a lecture titled “For the New Christian Intellectual”

“Critical Race Theory lecture at Flagship Southern Baptist Seminary

- “Everything you assumed or thought was normal in the world, or everything you thought was true about your tradition, your **denomination**, your own **family**, I’m going to pull the veil back, and what looked like this beautiful narrative of faithfulness and orthodoxy, and of **truth and righteousness** and justice, I’m going to peel that back and I’m going to show you the rotting corpse of white supremacy that’s underneath the surface.”

The Lens of the Bible when CRT is divisive!

- John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.”
- Romans 14:19 “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”
- Galatians 3: 26 – 28 “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Demonstrate Revelation now!)

Sojourners magazine founder Jim Wallis

- Commenting on the “50th anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination, confessing the church’s complicity in racial division.”
- “people who call themselves white Christians will never be free... from the bondage of a lie, a myth, an ideology, and an idol.”
- Gal 5:1 Romans 8:2 John 8

The Lens of the Bible

- Colossians 2:8 “ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on **Christ.**”
- Romans 8:5 – 8 “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their **minds set** on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God.”

Redefining Racism

- In the book, *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, the curriculum includes a section called, *Whiteness 101: Foundation Principles Every White Bridge Builder Needs to Understand* where racism is defined as:
- “a system of advantage based on race, involving cultural messages, misuse of power, and institutional bias, in addition to the racist beliefs and actions of individuals.”
- Where is sin located in this definition? Bible?

Luke 11:33 – 36

Jesus The Light (Lens) Within

- Jesus says:
- “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your **eye** is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good your whole body is also full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. **See to it** then that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted as when the light of a lamp shines on you.”

Keynote speaker – common core standards Institute – July 2018 –

- Kate Gerson
- “if you are under the impression that there are good white people and bad white people, you are wrong. And you must open yourself to be confronted with more and more and more information about the ways in which your beliefs, to which you don’t necessarily have access, and your behavior, which you don’t necessarily see is informing your work, day in and day out.”
- What are three CRT techniques in this quote?

Hope for This Present Crisis

Michael Youssef

- Page XV
- “The traditional values and social bonds that once held our society together are disintegrating along with traditional Christian-based morality. Addiction, suicide, and crime are epidemic in Western society. The internet and social media, once thought to be bringing the world together have unleashed humanity’s most hateful, sinful urges, dividing people into warring tribes. This is our **present crisis** – not an external threat from terrorists or warlike nations or a viral pandemic, but a **decline of faith, truth, and morality.**”
- What can Christian individuals and churches do in response?
- What is year 2021 salt and light?

Mark R. Levin in American Marxism

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- “What, then, is the appeal of Marxism? American Marxism has adapted the language and allure of utopianism...(Marxism) is tyranny disguised as a desirable, workable, and even paradisiacal governing ideology. There are... unlimited utopian constructs... The fantasies take the form of grand social plans”

Critical Race Theory **conversation** demands Christians be Courageous!

- Goal starting with and presenting Jesus!
- “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to **destruction**, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Matthew 7:13 – 14
- John 10:7 “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.”
- Colossians 1:18
- “in everything He (Jesus) might have the supremacy”

Is Everyone Really Equal – An Intro to Key Concepts in Social Justice Ed

- This popular book is currently circulating throughout public education circles. It is used in multicultural education – diversity courses.
- Chapter subjects are:
 - How to engage constructively in courses that take a critical social justice approach.
 - Critical thinking and critical theory.
 - Culture and socialization.
 - Prejudice and discrimination.
 - Oppression and power.
 - Understanding the invisibility of oppression through sexism.
 - Understanding the structural nature of oppression through racism.
 - Understanding the global organization of racism through white supremacy.

Workshop Thinking

- Romans 12:1 – 2
- “Therefore, I urge you brothers in view of God’s mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to **test** and approve what God’s will is – his good pleasing and perfect will.”
- Constant battle? Renewing our minds right now? How do we test?

James steps into the conversation!

- James 4:4
- “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”
- Michael Yousseff says “if we are not at odds with our culture, then we are at odds with God.”
- Second Peter 1:5 “Add to your faith, virtue”

Isaiah 6:9 – 10

- God “said, go and tell this people:
 - Be ever hearing but never understanding;
 - Be ever seeing, but never perceiving.
 - Make the heart of this people calloused;
 - Make their ears dull and close their eyes.
 - Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

Matthew 13:16

“Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”

Critical Race Theory: no objective truth pushing narrative

- Critical race theory advocates desire to defund the police!

Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd.

- Systemic racism:
 - All of these incidents, in the above people's encounters with police, are used to promote that there is **systemic racism** and that the critical race theory advocates are pursuing justice in a **broken culture**.

Awake Church Awake

Praying Principles

- Isaiah 51:9 (Wake up God prayer)
- “Awake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days gone by, as in generations of old.”
- Isaiah 51:17 (Wake up yourselves)
- “Awake, awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem,”
- Isaiah 52:1 (Faith plus clothing of Christ)
- “Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city.”
- (Situational spiritual awareness) Those!

Tactics Of Critical Race Theory Advocates

- One witness – first witness said:
 - 1. Michael Brown did not reach for the officer's gun.
 - 2. Michael Brown was shot in the back.
 - 3. Michael Brown was running away.
 - 4. Michael Brown had his hands up in a sign of surrender.
 - 5. Michael Brown said “hands up, don't shoot!”
 - All of the other witnesses contradicted these five statements by the first witness.

Narrative:by Plato

- In “Plato’s Republic, he discussed the remarkable **power** of those who tell stories. Human beings understand the world through storytelling, a narrative which holds together with its own logic not facts. **A powerful narrative moves people more than data.** Some may think this a flaw in human beings, while others consider it a strength. Is it better to **understand** the broad scope of an issue, or is it better to understand one of its individual components?”

Narrative tactic!

- When the facts of the case are starting to come out and if they are not supportive of critical race theory's systemic racism mantra, CRT advocates will then say "**the facts of the case are irrelevant**" ("9 out of 10 times the facts don't support racism" Baucham)
- The only fact that matters is a black man was killed by a white police officer!
- The mantra then becomes "**justice** for so-and-so."
- The second point will always be "consider America's racist history." This forces the discussion to look at the incident through the lens of racism.

The religion of Critical Race Theory!

Applied

- *Faultlines* page 67
- Critical Race Theory takes on the appearance of a religion because they speak as if the “**original sin** is racism, their **law** is antiracism, **gospel** is racial conciliation, martyrs/**Saints** are George Floyd or Breanna Taylor, **priests** (can only be) oppressed minorities, means of **atonement** is reparations, **new birth** is woke-ness.”
- These definitions anchor the conversation to produce results that fit their goal of their **promised land**.
- Can a Christian have a conversation with a person who uses these definitions?

CRT – Alternative Religion to Peacemakers and Fruit of Spirit

- The truth of the gospel is to bring unity among the people who embrace it.
- Ephesians 2: 13 – 16
- “For he himself (Jesus) is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... and (to) reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”
- What has the religion of CRT produced in USA?

Social Justice or God's Justice

- Remind me what is justice in the bible again?
- The social justice crowd present themselves as the only ones pursuing justice!
- Their concept of social justice is not compatible with the bible!
- Zeal! (Haggai)

Job29:7-16

God's Alternative!

- “When I went to the gate of the city and took my seat in the public square...whoever heard me spoke well of me... Because I rescued the **poor** who cried for help, and the **fatherless** who had none to assist him. The man who was **dying** blessed me; I made the **widow's** heart sing.... I was eyes to the **blind** and feet to the **lame**. I was a father to the **needy**; I took up the case of the **stranger**.”

Antiracism

- 1. Offers no salvation- only perpetual penance for what CRT says is an incurable disease.
 - God’s cure for the sin of racism is Jesus and the gospel!
 - 2. Antiracism assumes **work** is involved to reveal racism. Tenant of faith! (activism or applied CRT)
- Philippians 2:12-13 (demonstrate each new day)
- “Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work** out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works** in you, both to will and to **work** for his good pleasure.”

Antiracism

- Antiracism sees white people inventing whiteness infecting all white people whom then have guilt imputed by white complicity. This new original sin is also a new unpardonable sin because our racial socialization sets the culture up to continually repeat white racist behavior!
- After a person has come to Christ, how much guilt and condemnation is left?
- Romans 8:2 “The law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Legalism of CRT

Equity ahead of freedoms lost!

- CRT doctrine: racial inequity is evidence of racist policy. (tenant of faith and a tool)
- Kind of like promises in the bible!
- This conception of fairness or unfairness requires third parties to wield **power** to control outcomes that are more important than rules, standards, preferences, or merit.
- This is a legalistic solution instead of a heart felt spiritual solution for the sin of racism.

Location of sin!

- When this new definition of racism is defined as a system of advantage, or structurally present in an entire institution or possessed by all white people, this redefinition of racism changes the location and the **nature of sin**.
- The word of God says sin is located where?
- Voodie Baucham says “at the heart of the woke movement lies the idea that the sin of racism is no longer to be **understood** as an individual sin. America has sinned and Americans have inherited that sin”.

Christians Fighting Racism

- Critical social justice proponents believe white people can only respond appropriately to an accusation of racism by acknowledging, admitting, repenting of, and working to undo the racism. (This is the heart of antiracism!)
- How is the church to successfully model the alternative for Jesus Christ?

Mirror

- “what looked like this beautiful narrative of faithfulness and orthodoxy and truth and righteousness and justice, I’m gonna peel that back and I’m going to show you the rotting corpse of white supremacy underneath the surface.”
- This mirror’s the doctrine of total depravity.
- Difference between the two?

The New CRT Priesthood

- The priesthood of this CRT religion is black voices rooted in black oppression.
- Listening to these voices is the alternative to the objective truths of the Bible.
- These voices have the gnostic special knowledge that is socially constructed and cannot be understood any other way. This is unbiblical!
- This devalues the Bible and Jesus as the Word.

Gnosticism

- The claim of special knowledge that is needed to cure racism is invalidated by:
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be **complete**, equipped for every good work.”
- 2 Peter 1:3
- “His divine power has granted us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness,’

A Christian's Desire

- Proverbs 1:7 Knowledge
- Psalm 111:10 Wisdom
- Psalm :1 Meditate
- Joshua :1 Meditate

Also, whiteness is part of the original sin in Critical Race Theory racism!

- An assumption of Critical Race Theory. “Whiteness: a set of normative privileges granted to white skinned individuals and groups which is **invisible** to those privileged by it.” Bauchman pg 69
- If you believe this statement what is your attitude about white people? (Racist, divisive, non-biblical identity)
- How does this statement fit into Marxism?
 - Code word for oppressor, divides, borrows blind to attack-deceiver.
- What is a Christian’s conversation defense of this accusation? David Jeremiah-spiritual awareness

Conversations on whiteness, white privilege, white supremacy, complicity

- Isaiah 7:9 Isaiah is talking to King Ahaz who desires to purchase military aid from the Assyrians with silver and gold when Judah is threatened by Aram and Israel.
- “If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”
- Acts 2:38 – 40 (Personal or Preaching)
- “Peter replied, repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.... With many other words he **warned** them: and he **pleaded** with them, save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”
Verse 41 “those who accepted his message were baptized and about 3000 were added to their number that day.”

God condemns complacency!

God is talking to the Edomites

- Obadiah 1:10 – 11
- “Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; You will be destroyed forever. On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.”
- Edom is condemned here, they were the descendents of Esau the brother of Jacob, the father of the Israelites.
- Zephaniah 1:12 (snake dove)
- “At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are **complacent** who are like wine left on its dregs.” (No life or energy left!)

African proverb says “that it takes a village to raise a child”

- Michael Yousseff reminds us in the book *Hope For This Present Crisis* that the village that surrounds the families of America today is a godless village. “Schools cannot help families put God at the **center**. Welfare state programs cannot help families put God at the center. Planned Parenthood is certainly not going to help families put God at the center.... A godless village can only produce godless children.” (It takes a church helping parents.)

White Equilibrium: White Fragility

Never redemption-only works!

- White equilibrium is a belief system that allows white people to remain comfortably ignorant: not having to deal with or even to understand oppression or marginalization.
- White fragility is feeling **entitled** and not have discomfort or anxiety when the superiority of whiteness is challenged: it is a means of control and protection of white advantage.
- These two definitions are meant to disqualify and discredit any and all verbal defense. (any defense is called white fragility defending white equilibrium.) (The only acceptable answer is acknowledging, admitting, repenting of and working to undo racism.) (CRT Is very legalistic!)
 - Believers in the deceiver's plan! Apostle Paul applied!

Last thoughts on whiteness!

- “All white people benefit from racism, regardless of intentions; **intentions are irrelevant.**” Robin J. DiAngelo in his Anti– Racism Handout
- Can you defend yourself as a Christian when you sincerely believe “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God.”
- This is an attack on grace mercy and heart change

Heart issue under attack!

Remember Jesus Knows our Hearts!

- Matthew 6:3
- “when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be **in secret.**”
- Matthew 6:6
- “That when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is **unseen**. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”
- Matthew 6:17
- “when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your **Father who is unseen**; and your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

The “Woke” Movement

“America has sinned!”

- “ At the heart of the “Woke” movement lies the idea that the sin of racism is no longer to be understood as only an individual sin.” pg 84 Baucham
- This part of CRT is to further the concept that racism is not only an individual’s sin but is so institutional/structural that America has sinned.
- This is a linguistic manipulative tactic of CRT and it is why you will see them condemn large groups like corporations, the military, state voter registration laws, to undermine the concept that only a few individuals are responsible.
- A “woke” person recognizes social injustice because they have been awakened to recognize it and are outraged when they see it! (Applied CRT)

“equity not equality” to produce change!

- **Equity** in CRT is a preferred term to achieve their preferred outcome. Racial inequity is “when two or more racial groups are not standing on approximately equal footing.” Example: 71% of white families lived in owner occupied homes in 2014 while 45% of Latino families and 41% of black families lived in owner occupied homes that year. Racial equity would be if there were relatively equitable percentages of all three racial groups.
- Equality of possibility replaced by outcome.

Corrupt Thinking on Ownership Capitalism

- In the year 2020 a book by Vicki Osterweil titled *In Defense of Looting* was published and the author was interviewed on NPR:
- “looting attacks the idea of property and it attacks the idea that in order for someone to have a roof over their head or have a meal ticket they have to work for a boss in order to buy things that people just like them somewhere else in the world had to make and under the same conditions. It points to the way in which that’s unjust. And the reason that the world is organized that way obviously is for the profit of the people who own the stores and the factories. So you get to the heart of that property relation and demonstrate that without police and without state oppression we can have things for free.”

Michael Yousseff

Hope for This Present Crisis

- “In the Western democratic tradition, **social justice** means a condition in which all people are treated fairly and given equal opportunity to achieve their goals and the poor are treated with compassion and dignity. But to the radicals, social justice means a condition in which so-called oppressors are overthrown, and resources are redistributed in accordance with the theories of Karl Marx. The radicals believe it is permissible to commit crimes – looting, rioting, killing, burning – to achieve so-called **social justice**.”
- John 10:10 “The thief comes to steal kill and **destroy**: I have come that you might have **life** and have it to the full.”

Jesus tells a parable

Matthew 25:14 – 30

- “Again it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents and to another one talent each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. The one with two talents gained two more. The man who had received one talent went off dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. Master, he said, you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more. His master replied “well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!

Matthew 25:22 – 27

- “The man with two talents also came. Master he said, you entrusted me with two talents; see I have gained two more. His master replied well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness. Then the man who had received the one talent came. Master he said I knew that you are a hard man harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground, see here is what belongs to you. His master replied, you wicked lazy servant!”
- Who is responsible for each individual’s outcome in this parable? Is this equity or meritocracy, or just a hard work outcome? Why doesn’t the third risk for his master? CRT?

The French Revolution

A Tale of Two Cities

- After the French Revolution, what happened to the aristocrats was called the French reign of terror when the revolutionary hero Maximilian Robespierre and his “Committee of Public Safety” **silenced** all opposing views by sending 17,000 people to a guillotine nicknamed “The Razor.” Today when people speak up against losing freedom of speech by using their freedom of speech, they are “shamed, threatened and intimidated”. The people who use these techniques are hoping and counting on a “guilt” that causes people not to stand up for themselves and therefore “walk to the Razor” figuratively voluntarily.
- These thoughts were expressed by Matt Taibbi a liberal writer for the magazine Rolling Stone.

Acts 4:

- The Sanhedrin wanted Peter and John to stop preaching about Jesus. Their (Peter and John) response in verse 20 is “we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” After further threats they let them go. They (Peter and John) then **pray** “now Lord consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great **boldness**.”
- We don't want to lose our freedoms!
- How are Christians freedoms being threatened?

CRT thinking-Destroy Pillars

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- Tara Yusso, CRT academic challenges white privilege by refuting “the claims that educational institutions make toward objectivity, meritocracy, colorblindness, race neutrality and equal opportunity.” She also states that there is never “neutral” research or “objective” researchers. All of the above-mentioned are “camouflage for self interest, power, and privilege of dominant **groups** in US society.”
- The Smithsonian Museum of African American history included the scientific method as “an element of whiteness.” This includes objective, rational, linear thinking; cause-and-effect relationships; and quantitative emphasis.” $2+2$ does not equal 4 in CRT!

CRT Pharisees

Our Personal Responsibility

- Matthew 23:15 – 16
“Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.” Woe to you, **blind guides!**” Christian Judaizers!
- Romans 12:9 – 11 (Magnets)
- “Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Pharisees-Traditions

- John 5:8 – 10
- “Then Jesus said to him, get up! Pick up your mat and walk. At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, it is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”
- John 7:23 – 24
- “If a child can be circumcised on the sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”
- Hear social justice-see-make a right judgement!

Workshop thinking!

- Michael Yousseff
- “Our **public schools** and **universities** have become enemy held territories. Our **news media** and **entertainment media** are enemy held territories. Our **government** has become an enemy held territory. And yes **social media** is enemy held territory.”
- Is a **war room strategy** starting to come to your minds? What is it? (Christians led the movement that ended slave trade in England, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the civil rights movement that desegregated America.”)

Zealous for What Is Good!

- First Peter 3:13 – 17
- “Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who ask you for a reason for the hope that is in you; Yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, then for doing evil.”

God told the nation of Judah

- Jeremiah 18:7 – 10
- “ if at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my site and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.”