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Biblically, there are not many races, but one race of people, the human race; all people are derived from Adam and all are made in the image of God. “God so loved **the world**” (*John 3:16*), which certainly includes people of every racial and ethnic background. The gospel message is to go to “all men everywhere” (*Acts 17:30*) and is to be preached to “every creature,” that is, to every created person (*Mark 16:15*).



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The Bible clearly teaches that the color of a man’s skin cannot be changed, no more than you can change a leopard’s spots (*Jer. 13:23*), and men must never be blamed for what they cannot change. Heaven is not for racists, because gathered in that heavenly throng are the redeemed “out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation” (*Rev. 5:9*).



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