



# Racial Justice, Equality & Diversity in Sacred Scriptures

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# The controversy and the Apostolic Letter

## ACTS 15: 2 - 35

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to impose on you any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from illicit marriages. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'







# ONENESS IN CHRIST

## ROMAN 10:12

For **there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile**; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.

## EPHESIANS 2:13 - 18

V13. But now **in Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far off have been brought close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one entity and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart**, by destroying in his own person the hostility, that is, the Law of commandments with its decrees.

## ACTS 8:26 - 40 (PHILIP BAPTISES A EUNUCH)

V35. Starting, therefore, with this text of scripture Philip proceeded to explain the good news of Jesus to him. Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look, is some water; **is there anything to prevent my being baptised?**' **He ordered the chariot to stop, then Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water and he baptised him.**

# ONENESS IN CHRIST

## **ROMANS 13: 8 - 10**

v8. The only thing you should owe to anyone is love for one another, for to love the other person is to fulfil the law.

V10 Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

# THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT OF ALL

- **MATTHEW 22 : 34 - 39**

.. 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said to him, '**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.....You must love your neighbour as yourself.**

- **MARK 12 : 28 - 31**

Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord, and you must **love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**'

- **JOHN 13 : 34 - 35**

**I give you a new commandment:** love one another; **you must love one another just as I have loved you.** It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples.

- **JOHN 15 : 12**

This is my commandment: **love one another, as I have loved you.**

- **LUKE 4 : 18**

**The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.**





# LOVE IN ACTION

## **LUKE 9 : 51 - 55**

**54. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"**

## **LUKE 10 : 25 - 37**

**26. Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"**

**27. He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.'**

**36. Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbour to the robbers' victim?"**

**He replied, v37. 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'**




# THE LAST JUDGEMENT

## MATTHEW 25: 31 - 46

V34. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For **I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.**

V37. "Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?"

And the King will answer, "**In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.**"



*"for I was hungry and you  
gave me food, I was thirsty  
and you gave me something  
to drink, I was a stranger and  
you welcomed me,"  
Matthew 25:35*



# THE LAST JUDGEMENT

## MATTHEW 25: 31 - 46

.v41 Then he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **For I was hungry and you never gave me food, I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink, I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, lacking clothes and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.**

v44 "Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "**In truth I tell you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.**"

And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the upright to eternal life.'





# THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



**JOHN 4:1 - 42**



# SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES



**LUKE 19 : 1 - 10**

ZACCHAEUS ENCOUNTERED JESUS



**LUKE 17 : 11 - 19**

THE 10 LEPERS HEALED



**MATTHEW 15 : 22 - 28**

THE CANANITE WOMAN



**MARK 12 : 41 - 44  
OR LUKE 21 : 1 - 4**

THE WIDOW'S MITE



# THAT WE MAY BE ONE



"I pray not only for them,  
but also for those who will  
believe in me through  
their word, **so that they  
may all be one, as you,  
Father, are in me and I  
in you, that they also  
may be in us**, that the  
world may believe that  
you sent me.

**JOHN 17 : 20 - 23**



# CONCLUSION

We are one in Jesus, all of us are one (x2)

We are one, we are one Jesus Christ, and we are one (x2)

We are one in Jesus, all of us are one.

All of us are brothers, brothers of our Lord.

All of us are sisters, sisters of our Lord.

We are one, we are one brothers of our risen Lord.

We are one, we are one sisters of our risen Lord.

All of us are brothers, brothers of our Lord.

All of us are sisters, sisters of our Lord.



# BREAKEOUT ROOM

## Topic:

What are practical ways you can **actively**  
address racism in your institution/ school/  
parish?