

Would Jesus Christ Condone Race-Mixing?

A Question for Every Christian by Pastor Dave Barley

What a question? No doubt many Christians would be surprised by such an inquiry. However, the question is not irrelevant at all, but is very much to the point. You see all "Christians" claim to love and obey Jesus Christ, but would the Jesus they love join the mass and media frenzy to condemn Bob Jones University and the stand they have taken against race mixing?

Liberal Christians would cry, "Don't bring Jesus into the picture." This is about the racist, bigoted attitude of Bob Jones University. Well, I beg to differ, because if a person is going to refer to themselves as a Christian (no matter what variety of Christian they may be), if they are going to condemn people, organizations, political views and so forth, as being "bad, wicked or terrible," and Jesus Christ and the Word of God proclaim this same unpopular point of view, isn't that rather hypocritical of those pseudo Christians? Now in the case of Bob Jones University, this Christian university is not against any race of people; they are not against people dating or getting married to members of their own race, but they do have an established policy against race-mixing because the Word of God clearly declares that it is wrong.

Now my question to any Christian who may be opposed to Bob Jones University because of the stand they have taken against race mixing is: "If the Word of God is against race-mixing, where do you get the idea that Jesus Christ would be for it?" Is Jesus Christ a new God with new ideas and new Laws, Statutes and Judgments different from those of the first 39 books of the Bible? If so, why did Jesus quote from the Old Testament texts as authority for His deeds, actions, and purposes?

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb 13:8.

Yes, our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. However, fickle man continues to be tossed to and fro by the lies of the adversary, and like the politicians running for office, they call that which is evil, good, and that which is good, evil (Isaiah 5:20). How sad it is that so many lukewarm Christians today are developing their sense of right and wrong from the media, opinion polls, and movies. An even more sad reality is that most people who would refer to themselves as Christians, don't even know where Jesus Christ stands on any issue, because in their mind, Jesus is just someone who saves and blesses, and other than that, He's not really relevant to the issues of our day. There are others, of course, who think that Jesus is an ultra liberal who would walk hand in hand with Al Gore and Bill Bradley. Still others think that Jesus would join with the media, John McCain, and George W. Bush, in denouncing Bob Jones University. In their mind, Jesus Christ would certainly not side with Bob Jones University and their position against race mixing. Well, what does the Word of God have to say about the thoughts of men?

Isaiah 55:8-9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Worldly thought (mostly from the NAACP, Roman Catholics, and homosexual groups) have joined in one voice with the demand that all politicians challenge and rebuke the ideas and policies of Bob Jones University, or suffer being demonized by the dogs of the media. Further evidence of the wicked machinations of man is represented by a Senate resolution drafted by Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) denouncing Bob Jones, "decrying its segregationist policy." Even South Carolina Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings voiced support for the resolution calling Bob Jones University "a national embarrassment." Now, if you are Christian, and you believe that Jesus Christ condones race-mixing, then you probably would not have much trouble believing that this Democratic resolution against Bob Jones University is inspired of God. Well, while you're thinking about that, I want to share with you the following words by Jesus himself. You will notice that His words speak directly to this very issue of man catering to popular opinion for popularity over principle and truth.

Luke 16:15-17, "And he said unto them, ye are they which justify your selves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail."

All Christians need to carefully read and understand the importance and significance of Jesus' words: "it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Remember that those are Jesus' words upholding God's Laws that have quoted for you. Now you've got to ask yourself, either I'm trying to deceive you into believing that God's Law is still in force, or I'm telling you the truth, and God's Law is still the measure of right and wrong. It's really quite simple actually, you will either acknowledge or obey God's Laws that establish and define what sin is, or you will trust man and his laws and policies to make this determination for you. But let me give such Christians that speak against sin, but have no idea how to define sin a little hint: 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

You may say, OK, but you still haven't explained how Jesus is against race-mixing. Well, simply stated, Jesus is against race-mixing because it is a SIN, a violation of His Divine Law, even His creative law which establishes a 'kind after kind' process in Genesis 1:21-26. You will notice that within these verses we are told, "every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind ... let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind", and so forth. Question, if the fowl have their different kinds and types, and the cattle their different kinds and types, and the fish their kind and types etc., then it should be equally obvious and true that there are also different kinds and types of man. In other words, in nature as God created them, there is a natural inbred knowledge and instinct of separation within all species of animals. There are different types and variety of eagles such as the Bald eagle, the Golden eagle, White-tailed eagle, Short-toed eagle, and Imperial eagle. All of these eagles are of the same genetic family, but they are not the same progeny or breed.

The same holds true for the different variety of bipeds. God Almighty did not make a mistake in creating the different races of people. In fact, the principle "what God hath put together, let no man put asunder" is very much applicable to the 'kind after kind' principle. Kind after kind is the creation rule and carnal minded man grossly violated this principle of Divine creation.

Again, look over these verses in Genesis 1. The Word of God repetitiously puts forth this directive that every winged fowl was to mate "after his kind," and every "living creature after his

kind," and this principle does not exclude people. The Golden eagle is not of the Bald eagle kind, therefore the two different breeds do not mix their seed. They stay separate and the same principle holds true for people. Within humans, there are a variety of breeds or kinds, such as Indian, Asiatic, Negro, Aboriginal, and White/Anglo people, and according to God's Creation Laws, these different kinds, or breeds of mankind are not to interbreed or engage in race-mixing.

All variety of animals, fish, birds, insects, etc. are unique and distinct, and they have remained so since their creation, except where man has interfered and perverted their natural breeding habits. Again, there are a number of varieties within the bird family, but the varieties of breeds do not mix their seed with other breeds. Canadian geese mate only with Canadian geese, Red-breasted geese mate only with Red-breasted geese, the Grey goose mates only with other Grey geese and so forth. In the animal world, the Elk mates only with Elk. You won't see them mating with mule deer or a Moose. Orangutans mate only with Orangutans. They don't mate with Gorillas or other species of monkeys.

Jesus warned us in Matthew: 24:36-39, about the "days of Noah" in which there would be "marrying and giving in marriage." This is not about simple adultery as many Judeo-Christian ministers are teaching today. To prove this, let's go back to the original Bible passages, which describe the "days of Noah."

Genesis 6:1-5, "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

If you will notice, there are two kinds of people described in these verses, "the sons of God," (who were of one order) and the "daughters of men" (who were of another order). Furthermore we are told that from this mixing of their seed (miscegenation) a new breed or distortion was produced, which the Scriptures refer to as "giants in the earth." So, did Jesus speak against race mixing? Well, if we read what Jesus warned of from Matthew 24, in context with the example He quoted from in Genesis 6, we can come to no other conclusion but that Jesus Christ is truly the same "yesterday, today, and forever." He and His Word changes not. Man and man's carnally biased interpretation of His Word changes frequently according to the worldly trends of the day and what is politically correct.

Speaking of politically correct, I'm sure most of you Christians remember the great story of Nehemiah and the tremendous faith and vision he had to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. Over the years, I have heard wonderful messages about Nehemiah and the many forms of opposition he had to overcome in order to complete the wall. Nehemiah is used as an example of a man who had a conviction of faith, not a preference of faith. A man whose heart was close to God! Well, let's read the following verses regarding race-mixing, and let's see how Nehemiah deals with the problem.

Nehemiah 13:23-30, "In those days also saw I Jews (D.B. Note: Judeans of the Southern Kingdom of Judah) that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab; and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but

according to the language of each people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives? And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, everyone in his business."

I have to admit, that of all the various messages I've heard from the book of Nehemiah, I have never heard one Judeo-Christian minister preach from these Bible passages. I wonder why? Could it be that these verses may be just a little too sensitive for congregations who have been taught that race-mixing is perfectly okay, or even right and proper in the eyes of God? Well, if it's so right, why do we find race-mixing condemned in the Word of God from Genesis through Revelation? Notice verse 27, "Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?" Race-mixing is referred to as a "great evil," even described as "to transgress," meaning a SIN.

Was Nehemiah some wicked racist hater, or was he a man of God? Was he on the popular world opinion side, or was he on God's side? Which side do you think Jesus Christ would have been on? You see, Nehemiah didn't just develop his righteous indignation out of some evil suppressed motive of hate, rather it was out of love from Matthew 22:37, "Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Fellow Christians, if man's will is more important to you than God's Will, your heart is not right with Jesus Christ.

Even back in Deut. 7:1-3, God Almighty warned His people Israel against the dangers of race mixing. Whether we understand all the "ifs, ands, whys, or buts," we had better determine to obey God rather than men. If we (as Christians) do not have the love of God in our hearts, then we will develop into the type of nation America has become today, a pluralistic paganistic nation which embraces that which is pleasing in our own sight. Heed the following warning from Joshua 23:11-23, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. The if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you."

In light of all that we have covered from the Word of God, can any true Christian truthfully believe that Bob Jones University is motivated by hate? Can they believe that if Jesus Christ were here today, He would be walking hand in hand with the likes of Al Gore, Bill Bradley, John McCain, and, yes, even George W. Bush (who is going out of his way to distance himself from the University)?

Regarding the question; "Would Jesus Christ condone race-mixing?"

The answer should now be obvious—**JESUS CHRIST WOULD NOT CONDONE RACE-MIXING!!**

