



GRACE CREATES A NEW RACE



- I. Jesus not only forgives sins, but he creates an eternal family with different colored skins.



8 Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you.

Galatians 3:8 CSB



9 And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slaughtered,
and you purchased people
for God by your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.

10 You made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10 CSB



- a. This new race of grace is characterized by humility.



8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—9 not from works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 CSB



b. This new race of grace is characterized by the Story of the **Promise**



10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do. 11 So then, remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh—called “the uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised,” which is done in the flesh by human hands. 12 At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and **foreigners to the covenants of promise**, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:10-12 CSB



26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have **put on Christ**, like putting on new clothes. 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all **one in Christ Jesus**. 29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and **God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.**

Galatians 3:26-29 NLT



- c. This new race of grace is characterized by peace with God and each other.



13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For *he is our peace*, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh, 15 he made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that ***he might create in himself one new man*** from the two, resulting in peace. 16 He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death. 17 He came and proclaimed the ***good news of peace*** to you who were far away and ***peace*** to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:13-18 CSB



d. This new race of grace is characterized by worship.



19 So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a **holy temple** in the Lord. 22 In him you are also being built together for **God's dwelling** in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22 CSB



¹ Therefore, **brothers and sisters**, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a ***living sacrifice***, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 CSB



“Wherever he went, people must have wondered who he was, what he thought he was doing, and what sense it made for a hard-line nationalists Jew to become the founder of multiethnic communities.”

– **N.T. Wright, Ph.D.**



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