

PEACE HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH'S POSITION ON RACISM

1. We examine ourselves scripturally allowing God to disclose and eliminate all racist ideologies within us. We strive to be the biblical solution, not the societal problem. (Psalm 19:12-13; Psalm 139:23-24)
2. We lament sincerely the sin of racial prejudice in our country, and we petition the LORD to give grace and healing through our advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (James 2:8-10)
3. We condemn racism of any form, and we work diligently to rid our nation of all bigotry, personal and structural/systemic racism, and racial inequality. (Acts 10:34-35, Romans 2:11)
4. We call for justice for all individuals who have been racially victimized by civilians and/or law enforcement. (John 13:34)
5. We acknowledge racism as a real problem in our nation, and we vow to do our part to proclaim and exact the equal value ascribed by God to each person regardless of color, gender, ethnicity, etc. (Galatians 3:28)
6. We affirm that every person of every race bears the image of God (*Imago Dei*), and they are all individuals for whom Jesus sacrificed Himself to redeem. (Genesis 1:27; Revelation 7:9-10)
7. We support peaceful protests against discrimination, and we encourage non-violent expressions opposing racial mistreatment and oppression. (Matthew 10:16, Romans 12:18)
8. We decry and denounce those who have hijacked peaceful protests against racism to serve their own political and criminal agendas. (Psalm 28:3)
9. We celebrate and support respectable law enforcement, and we implore them to protect all peaceful demonstrators while upholding the law with individuals who pursue violence and vandalism. (Romans 13:1-4)
10. We pray for godly equality for all people, and we fight continuously to achieve God's agenda to perpetuate harmony among all races. In this effort we vow to vote for candidates who most closely aspire to do the same. (Acts 17:26)