Critical Race Theory (crt)

1) Bible warns us about misleading philosophies (Col. 2:15, “beware,” KJV).
2) America has not been exempt. James Madison University – new claim about “oppressors.”
3) If you are male, straight, cisgender, athletically built, or Christian, likely an “oppressor.”
4) How did America get to this point and what should Christians do?
5) People have taken wrongs from the past and started to use them in some new ways.
6) Some are treated badly for a variety of reasons. 2 of these reasons are gender & skin color.
   a) “Sundown towns.”
   b) “Get your hamburger through the window.”
   c) Separate schools, separate bathrooms, separate buses, low quality schools.
7) God’s solution to discrimination is repentance (Acts 17:30) and love (Jn. 13:34-35).
8) What is the world’s solution?
9) CRT says American laws and legal institutions were built on racist ideology.
10) There are some strong parallels between the Bible and our laws/legal institutions.
11) We may see the day when the Bible is identified as a racist book & every Christian is a racist.
12) Paul “reasoned” with people (Acts 17:17) about their culture (Acts 17:23) as well as God.
13) CRT has moved from college level to the lower levels of our educational system.
14) We still have some fine people in our schools, but we have some who are zealous for CRT.
15) Some young minds are being infected – a neighbor.
16) The subjects of skin color and discrimination are regularly discussed in our world.
17) If the Bible deals with these topics, we need to be knowledgeable and ready to discuss them.
18) What do we learn from Jn. 4:9?
19) What do we learn from Acts 10:28?
20) What is the reason for discriminatory treatment in Jas. 2:1-10?
   a) The world is telling us “institutions defile.” Is this what the Bible teaches?
   b) What did Jesus say in Mt. 15:11?
21) Groups like JMU say if we meet certain criteria, we are guilty/at least suspect by default.
22) This is akin to the false doctrine of original sin, a teaching God says is absolutely false.
   a) Ezek. 18:4-13, 20
   b) No one is born a racist. Discrimination is a learned behavior.
   c) Are babies and mothers separated by color in maternity wards?
   d) Treating one person/group unfairly or unequally is a hateful versus loving.
   e) Claiming that one is superior is sin, but many claim the issue is skin color.
   f) Elevating one above another can also create pride.
23) Men often erect barriers between others; God breaks down barriers, Eph. 2:12, 14-16.
24) If people are guilty of discrimination, they can change – Josh. 24:15; 1 Cor. 6:11.
26) All are guilty of sin - Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:11-12 – and all need the exact same solution.
27) When it comes to race, God settled any questions during the creation process.
28) There is only _________ kind of flesh for human beings (1 Cor. 15:39).
29) Every person is ____________________ (Acts 17:26, KJV).
30) In spite of how God made us, some want to bring people into _________ (Gal. 2:5).
31) How was Peter treated when he treated some Gentiles unequally (Gal. 2:12)?
32) Rather than “elevate voices,” we need to __________________ (Mt. 17:5b).
34) CRT seeks to replace objective truth with the experiences of people (experience over truth).

35) Listening to others can help us identify problems.

36) God has said we need objective truth – Jn. 8:32; 12:48; Jude 3.

37) The real question is: Will we accept and promote God’s solution or the world’s ideas?

38) God’s word offers the power (Heb. 4:12) and guidance (2 Tim. 3:16-17) to correct issues.

39) What if some opt for what the world is offering?
   a) Discuss the matter with gentleness – Gal. 6:1; Mt. 7:12.
   b) Never forget the world wants to divide people, but God is the great uniter (Jn. 17:21).
   c) Work to live in peace with all people (Rom. 12:18; Eph. 4:3).
   d) Don’t assume the worst about people, especially Christians, if they think CRT is good.

40) Some videos which offer additional information on CRT:


45) Some are standing up against CRT - [https://bit.ly/3m4zpn2](https://bit.ly/3m4zpn2)

46) How did we get here? [https://www.gbcmarshall.org/crt](https://www.gbcmarshall.org/crt)

47) CRT has a religious structure as seen by the following comparisons:
   a) CRT has ORIGINAL SIN (racism).
   b) CRT has LAW (antiracism).
   c) CRT has a GOSPEL (racial reconciliation).
   d) CRT has MARTYRS (people who have been mistreated or killed).
   e) CRT has PRIESTS (oppressed minorities).
   f) CRT has a MEANS OF ATONEMENT (reparations).
   g) CRT has a NEW BIRTH (wokeness).
   h) CRT has a LITURGY (lament).
   i) CRT has a CANON (books, articles, at least one movie, etc.).
   j) CRT has THEOLOGIANS (Kendi, Brown, Crenshw, MacIntosh, etc.).
   k) CRT has a CATECHISM (“say their names”).
   l) CRT offers has NO SOTERIOLOGY (salvation).
   m) There is only perpetual penance “to battle an incurable disease.”
   n) Like a cult, CRT redefines well-known words to help spread its message.