

# A BETTER WAY

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## A RESPONSE TO RACISM

6.14.20





“Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution”

March 31, 1968

Martin Luther King

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13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink. 14 For the body does not consist of one part, but of many.

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its members should have mutual concern for one another. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

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Jesus ministered to gentiles, just as he did to Jews as well as Samaritans who were despised by the Jews.

(Matthew 8, Luke 17, John 4, Matthew 15, Romans 15, John 12)

Jesus made clear to Peter, in Acts, that Gentiles were not unclean.

(Acts 10)

Jesus made clear to Paul, that he was to be the apostle to the gentiles

(Romans 11)

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4. All people are equally welcome to salvation in Christ.

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1 Timothy 2:4 - who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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## 5. Multi-cultural is our history and our destiny

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"



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8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

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1. We are ALL created by the same God, in God's image, in his likeness.
  2. We are all different parts of the same body
  3. We are ALL equally loved by God.
  4. All people are equally welcome to salvation in Christ.
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Racism = Bad theology, inconsistent with the Bible,  
God's character and nature.

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## 1. Examine your heart

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Question:  
What are you like to people not like you?

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2. The Bible calls us to love each other, just as God has loved us.

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John 3:16 - For God so loved the world he GAVE.

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus declared, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

John 13:34 - A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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Diversity is inviting someone to the party.  
Inclusion is asking them to dance.

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### 3. Live a life worthy of your calling

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1 As a prisoner in the Lord, then, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received: 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 and with diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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“How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment  
before beginning to improve the world”

- Anne Frank

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