



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we want to examine the thought of all men being created from one man and one woman who were made in the image of God (thus stressing the importance God places upon mankind which He created). In Genesis 1:26 the conversation of Deity recorded through inspiration revealed that Their desire was to make mankind in Their image (both male and female, see verse 27). Paul in Acts 17:26 said that of "one blood" God made all nations that dwell upon the earth. Did you catch that...God started with one man and made all the different people in the world that live everywhere? Let that sink in!

Also in numerous places we read how God desires us to love Him with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves. Why did God command such? Why did Jesus provide both parts (love God and your neighbor) when He was asked the greatest commandment? He did so because regardless of our ethnicity we are all the same. I hear a lot regarding race relations today. But if we understood this one concept from the perspective of God we would realize what a misnomer the term "race relations" really is. You see there is only one race—the human race (made up of different ethnicities).

To me it is biblical ignorance that causes hatred among humans (folks that is all we all are). It is biblical ignorance that highlights things that truly have nothing to do with a subject. For example,

take the subject of crime. There are times we read statistics (and that is an entirely different discussion...often statistics can be used to prove just about anything) that supposedly say something about various ethnic groups and crime. The truth is most crime is committed by people who know each other. So what does our failing to be like God (by making distinctions between humans) prove? It proves nothing except all crime is appalling. All we should stress, as Christians, regarding crime is that it is an affront by one of God's creation against another of God's creation, period!

We must be like our God. Deuteronomy reveals that our God is no respecter of persons (literally he is One "who does not lift up the face"...does not consider the face). He does not take sides because perhaps He does not see sides. He only sees humans created in His image. The question for us as His followers is, "What do we see?" Sadly, the world obviously still sees differences. May we as Christians only see humans in need of a Savior!

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Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — The Ascension of Christ
Psalm 110:1-7**

**P.M. — A Fish "This Big" Caught Me
Jonah 1:1-3**

JESUS LOVES EVERYBODY

No truer words have ever been spoken! Little Molly (around 3 yrs. old), though not as well known as Kid President, has spoken a few words these past few days that resound loudly with what we all need to hear. Her loving innocence has spoken volumes to me. I hope she does to you as well as you ponder what she said. It is no wonder Jesus stressed a love for little children.

In a recent video on Facebook, Molly is encouraging her sister by telling her sister how much Jesus loves her. As she is telling her sister that Jesus loves her, she then reminds all who watch and listen to the video of an important truth as she exclaims "Jesus loves everybody!" Molly went on to say "He loves you and me" as well as a list of some others she knows that Jesus loves. The entire video was precious but I especially love that she stresses "JESUS LOVES EVERYBODY!"

Sunday night in Pew Packers class she spoke up and asked "Can we sing Jesus loves the little children." What a great and simple message is contained in that song. If we could only remember the words of that beautiful song, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world"—if we could only look at others and say (maybe not aloud to them...but silently to ourselves) "Jesus loves you and you and you." Then maybe—no let me correct that—then definitely our world would be a better place!

I am so sad today that those little ones who are genuinely so innocent (I am 100% confident that little Molly knows nothing of the hatred going on in the world right now) somehow grow up...and through influences of the devil...their hearts are often changed. Parents, please take time to mold those young hearts who innocently know the love of Jesus and have no hatred, to be adults who share the love of Jesus.

All glory to our God in heaven and our Lord Jesus Christ...for the example of love for us to follow. May we also learn from the little ones who never seem to stay upset with each other for very long. In part, it seems to me that this is a part of what Jesus was stressing about "becoming as little children" that we might inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. I know as far as I am concerned, I am going to seriously consider this week and in the weeks to come, how much Romans 14 might enter into how I might interact with my brethren. I also plan to tap into that sage wisdom of little Molly who reminds me that Jesus loves everybody. If I am to imitate Him I will do likewise!

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