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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Origin of Racism



And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth... (Acts 17:26a)

The descendants of Ham, who were cursed, were the Canaanites. Yet when Rahab, a Canaanite, came to faith in the true God, she not only was welcomed to marry a believer, but God included her in the line leading to Christ.

The idea of different races, as distinct from different religions, was not much of an issue until 1859 when Charles Darwin published his famous book, *On the Origin of Species*. Darwin was a product of Victorian times and extremely racist in his views, always referring to colored peoples as "savages."

Among the book's purported scientific claims for evolution was the claim that there are different races because some groups are more evolved than others. As this idea became accepted both in and out of the Church, racism became institutionalized. Today we know that typically the genetic differences between you and anyone else is only 0.2 percent.

Scientifically, there is only one human race, as Scripture clearly teaches. The Church can only combat racism by proclaiming the truth that all people on earth are one flesh, descended from one, real Adam, whose blood we share. It can also proclaim the Gospel that all believers are spiritual descendants of the Last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us and made us new creatures.

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