

THE THIRD OPTION



JOSHUA 5:13-15

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3 Kinds of Racism:

1. INSTITUTIONAL
2. INTERNALIZED
3. PERSONALLY MEDIATED

IN-GROUP/OUT-GROUP: The way we sort people into groups that are either “like me” or “not like me,” creating “us” vs. “them.”

IN-GROUP BIAS: The tendency to give preferential treatment to people considered “like me.”

1. I am more comfortable with those “like me.”
2. I am more inclined to spend time socially with those “like me.”
3. I am more patient with those “like me.”
4. I give the benefit of the doubt quicker to those “like me.”
5. I express more grace when mistakes are made by those “like me.”
6. It is easier to communicate with those “like me.”
7. I assume that I will get along easier with those “like me.”
8. I am more willing to go out of my way to help those “like me.”
9. I possess more positive assumptions about those “like me.”

OUT-GROUP DISCRIMINATION: Withholding in-group bias from those “not like me.”

1. I am less comfortable with those “not like me.”
2. I am less inclined to spend time socially with those “not like me.”
3. I am less patient with those “not like me.”
4. I give the benefit of the doubt less to those “not like me.”
5. I express less grace when mistakes are made by those “not like me.”
6. It is more difficult to communicate with those “not like me.”
7. I don't assume that I will get along with those “not like me.”
8. I am less willing to go out of my way to help those “not like me.”
9. I possess less positive assumptions about those “not like me.”

1. Acknowledge your Blind Spots _____.
Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:8-10

2. Rename _____ “those people” as your “brother”/”sister.”
No more “those people” Matthew 22:37-40; 1 John 4:20

3. Give “In-Group” love _____ to your “Out-Group.”
Matthew 5:43-44

4. Acknowledge your “brother’s”/”sister’s” color _____.
Galatians 6:2

5. View every “conversation” as a race “consultation _____.”
James 1:19

6. Give your heart _____ to those “not like you!”
John 15:13

Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as A-B-C

Gospel A-B-C’s // Father, I **A**dmit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I **B**elieve that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins. **Romans 5:8**

I **C**onfess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins.
Romans 10:9-10

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

If you understood that prayer and prayed to accept Jesus’ invitation into a relationship, text “SAVED” to 52525.