

COLOR BLESSED

Week 7 - What is a Color-Blessed Culture? Part 3

SERMON RECAP:

At Transformation Church, one of our values is multiethnic diversity. We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to pursuing diversity. Through this diversity, our heart is to celebrate the unity afforded to us through the blood of Jesus. However, it's important that we know that unity is not synonymous with uniformity. There is unity in diversity; they aren't mutually exclusive!

This weekend, we talked about the role unity plays in our color-blessed culture. Because of the work of Jesus on the cross, we don't have to strong arm our way to unity. As Christ-followers, we're called to pursue and live in the unity Jesus secured through the bloody cross. We don't work for unity. Instead, we're invited to live from unity in Christ. This is only possible because of the redemptive work of Jesus. We're saved to be reconciled to God and to belong to the family of God, with shared unity in our devotion to Jesus. When dark powers try to divide God's people, we're called to guard our unity, which is only possible as we continue to rely on the Spirit of God to work in and through us. May our unity with others, even and especially within diverse contexts, be our testimony of who God is and what He has done.

Soul tattoo: Live from the unity you have in Christ and guard the unity in Christ we have with one another.

Action step: Register for our online summer book study of *How to Heal Our Racial Divide*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

- What does it say about the power of God that He is able to turn enemies into friends? How have you seen this power at work in your personal life or the lives of others?
- Why does God call us to guard our unity?

Inward

- Is there anything that keeps you from pursuing unity with others? Take a moment to reflect and confess.
- How do you see Jesus pursuing unity with others in the gospels? (You can refer to John 17 as an example.)

Outward

- Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What does it mean to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit? What are practical ways you can do this at home, at work, at school?