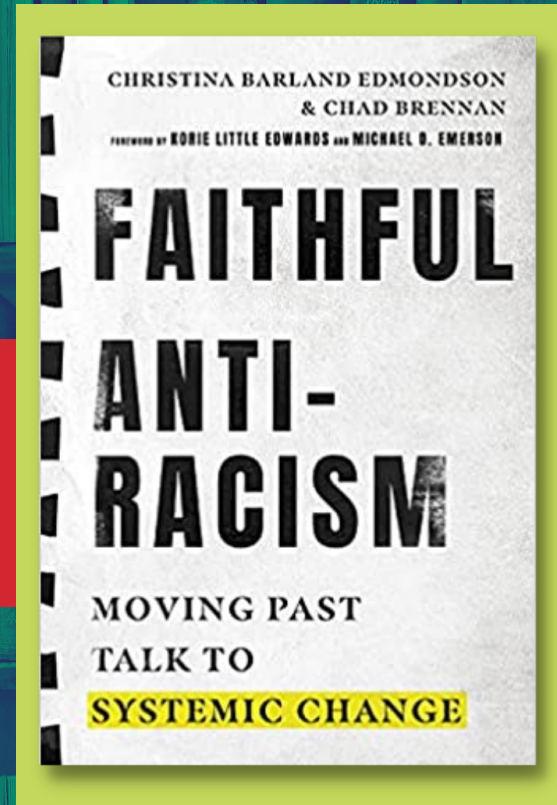


# ALL TOGETHER

2022 Reconciliation  
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## Faithful Antiracism

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# Rules for our time together

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- **Be Kind**
- **Be Prayerful**
- **Be Open**
- **Offer the truth always in love.**



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overloaded lucky disappointed help  
restless surprised anxious want  
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## Introduction

**“For hundreds of years, individuals have worked to end racism and racial injustice in the United States, yet it still remains a powerful and persistent force. There is so much that needs to be acknowledged, understood, and dismantled that it can feel like an impossible mountain to climb.”**



# Faithful Antiracism

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Faithful antiracists are steadfastly committed to working toward antiracism.

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Faithful antiracist are full of faith or faith-full.

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Believers who are faithful to God and committed in every way to standing against racism.

**<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,**



2 Timothy 3:16

Questions  
for us to  
reflect on

Why don't we include the views of multiracial or Indigenous Americans?

Why don't we compare the views of different types of Christians?

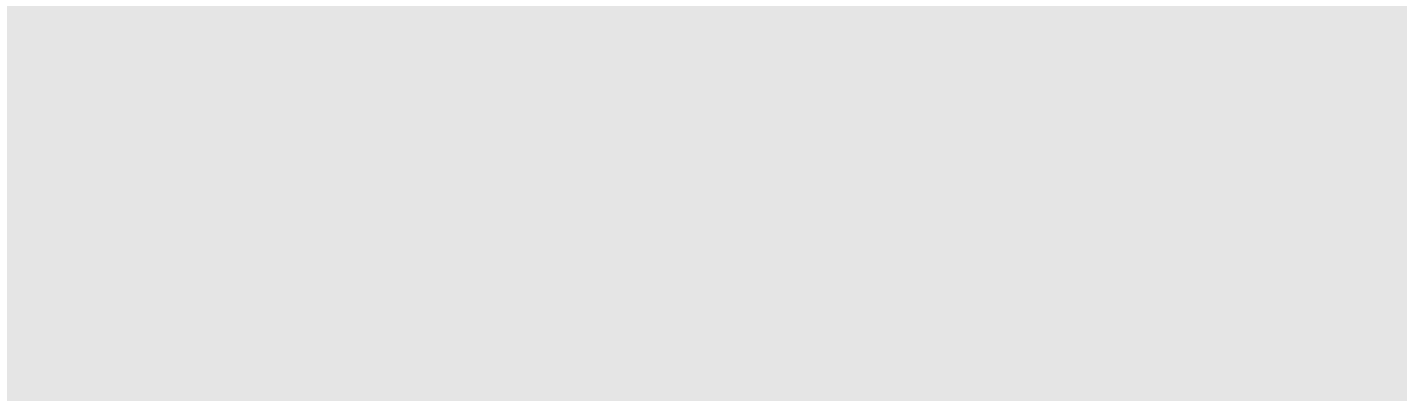


# Racial Dynamics Matter

We should emphasize moral issues that are emphasized in Scripture.

Our priorities should not be determined by our self-interests.

How can lament, confession,  
and repentance help us to  
grow as faithful antiracists?





# **Chapter 2**

**Page 35- The Slave  
Bible and Christian  
Missionaries**



“From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible emphasizes God’s passion for creating healthy, intimate relationships between God and humanity (vertical) and within humanity (horizontal).”

# Let's think together.....

- Why do you think missionaries published the “Slave Bible” in 1807 rather than confront the economic and political systems that were oppressing the people who were enslaved?
- Do we have similar reasons for teaching “edited” versions of the Bible?

# Pages 50-51, Principles that Apply to Racial Justice Today.

- No groups/cultures should be viewed or treated as superior or inferior to other groups/cultures.
- We should look for ways to restrain greed in our lives and society.
- We must be willing to love our neighbors in practical and sacrificial ways.
- We should stand for the oppressed and against the oppressor.
- We should work against social hierarchies in our society and Christian organizations.
- If we have unjustly benefited from the racial hierarchy in the U.S., we must do our part to make it right.





# **Chapter 3**

**Faithful Antiracist  
Stand for Justice**



# Is Racism a Social Issue or a Gospel Issue?

# Partially Standing for Racial Justice

Secret stand- provides internal support.

Theoretical stand- provides verbal support but no action.


Selective stand-provides verbal and actual support in instances where significant sacrifices aren't needed.

Limited stand-provides verbal and actual support to certain causes or groups.



# Galatians 2:12-14

- <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.
- <sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”



Do any of the examples mentioned in chapter three compel you to begin or continue standing for racial justice?



# Let's Pray

Page 67

**Faithful Antiracists Understand  
Our Past**  
**Chapter 4**



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Does focusing on the past do more damage than good and hinder progress?



# Colorblindness is not the goal. Pages 79-80

Bonilla-Silva suggests,

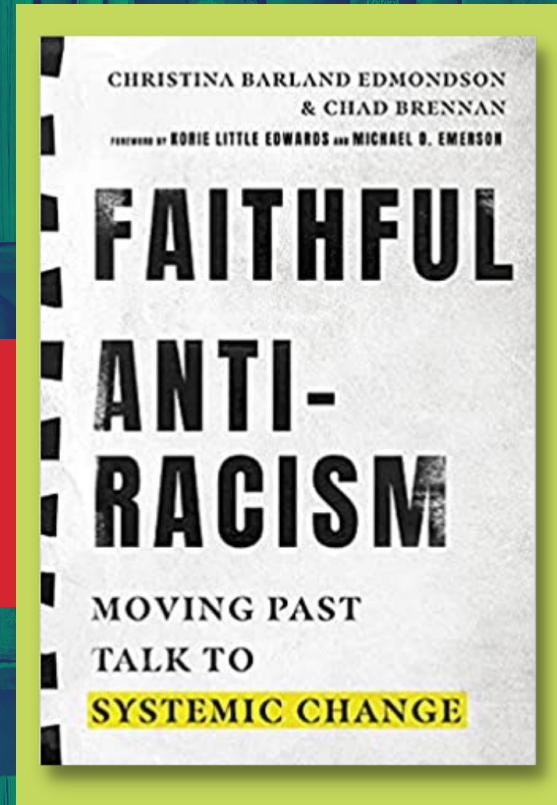
- Racial conversations and practices are hidden.
- Racial terms are avoided.
- White people claim they are experiencing “reverse racism.”
- Race and politics are connected in hidden or coded ways
- New terminology is used for Jim Crow-like practices.

**George Erasmus said, “Where  
community is to be formed, common  
memory must be created.”**

**What do you think he meant? Do you  
agree?**

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