

Daily Devotion For April 10, 2021

“For he is our peace; in his flesh **he has made both groups into one** and has **broken down the dividing wall**, that is, the hostility between us.”
Ephesians 2:14

Yesterday, the CDC came out with a statement that declared, “Racism is a public health issue.” Because of the rise in anti-Asian sentiments and hate crimes against Asians over the past year, what are your thoughts?

About 20 years ago, when I was living in Glendale, CA I was engaged in a conflict where another person called me some racial slurs and “keyed” my vehicle. Fortunately, there was a witness and the individual was arrested and taken to jail. A month or so later, I received a call from this individual's attorney asking me to settle out of court because his client did not want to have been convicted of a hate crime. Actually, I had no intention of suing the person but I was very angry and upset over the incident.

Over the past month in my Sunday sermon's I have been preaching through the book of Ephesians where the apostle Paul wrote that Jesus came to break down the dividing wall between Jews and Gentiles. That was the major racial barrier in the first century. The same is true today, Jesus breaks down the dividing wall between all racial/ethnic communities.

Thought For Today: When you hear the word “racist” what do you think of? In a self-examination of your heart, do you have racial prejudices against others? If so, pray that the Lord would help you to overcome and remove those feelings by His love.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would break down the dividing wall between racial/ethnic communities and that we can live in peace and harmony with one another. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.