

Why Do the Nations Rage? 2009 International Teaching Seminar

Contributed by Steve Staten
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How can we all get along? Our Father wants his children to live in harmony and has given us the answers in the Scriptures. The 2009 International Teachers Seminar will explore the Bible on this crucial subject in August in Atlanta. Beginning this year the ITS is being led by the ICOC Ministry Education and Teaching Service Team.

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Gospel Solutions to Prejudice and Separation

2009 International Teaching Seminar

August 14-16, 2009

Atlanta, Georgia

Can the gospel that is proclaimed for "every nation, tribe, language and people" also be the solution to widespread strife in the world? If so, then Christians ought to exemplify God's multi-cultural intent in fellowship and worship.

This seminar is about recognizing biblical solutions to all forms of prejudice and separation that are biblical, timeless and unspecific to geography. Atlanta is a perfectly suited city for this discussion because it was the cradle of the American Civil Rights movement. Join us in this seminar as we stare down some of today's greatest challenges with the Bible and the Gospel.

Friday night, 14 August

EVEN NINEVEH: GOD'S VIEW OF HIS OFFSPRING -- Douglas Jacoby

Our Enemies on the International Scene. The Scriptures demonstrate God's heart for all people—even the enemies of His Law and His people. Let us allow the Scriptures to guide us past our prejudices through sacred stories from the Exodus to the Exile where God's people were called to overcome their inbred fallacies about others.

Saturday 15 August

NO DIFFERENCE IN THE FARE -- Ben Barnett

National Racial Prejudice Enters the Church. An exploration of race issues in the west due to western Eurocentricism. In America this has resulted in slavery and segregation (Blacks), anti-semitism (Jews), internment (Japanese), Zoot Suit Scapegoating Affair (Hispanics), fear-mongering (Middle Easterners) and her most homogeneous hour among professing Christians—Sunday 11am. Also covers biblical contributions to the early Civil Rights movement.

THERE IS NO SCYTHIAN IN CHRIST -- Steve Staten

Class Distinctions in the Fellowship. Jesus and his apostles faced status issues in the Gospels and Acts. In time the church reached beyond barbarians to the (presumably more despised) Scythians. How do traits such as snobbery, envy and entitlement appear in the Scriptures? Also considers the possibility that subtle class and status prejudice does more harm than obvious prejudices.

THE WOLF WILL DWELL WITH THE LAMB -- Abdel Aziz Sarah

Politics and the Disciple’s Heart. Must we be Pro-Israel or Pro-Palestine? There are many political pundits and fear-mongers whose ultimate goals are very different than those of the followers of Christ. As ministers of reconciliation we should grasp the historical and contemporary issues but keep the eternal perspective in mind.

SHORT PRESENTATIONS

The Early Church Fathers on Prejudice and Separation—Joey Harris

Race Challenges in Asia and Beyond—Frank Kim

How Labels are Misleading—Richard Alawaye

PANEL DISCUSSION

Guests have been asked to prepare opening and closing comments to one of the following questions—(1) “What solutions to prejudice are being missed among religious people?” (2) “How can we increase diversity in spiritual roles without compromising biblical standards to appear diverse?” (3) “……?”

Richard Alawaye

Ben Barnett

Gordon Ferguson

Joey Harris

Abdel Aziz Sarah

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Sunday 16 August

"TO EVERY NATION, TRIBE, LANGUAGE & PEOPLE" -- Gordon Ferguson

An oft ignored Part of the Great Commission. Jesus gave his Galilean followers the mandate to go to train the various ethne (ethnic groups, nations). As evident in the book of Acts Jesus's followers gradually overcame many difficulties with the help of the Spirit. Some challenges were overcome in the baptistry while others took some time.

LOCATION:

320 Austin Avenue, Marietta, Georgia

This is the meeting place of the North River Church of Christ

WHO IS INVITED?

All Christians are invited to this seminar. There is an expectation that participants will come ready to learn, but it is not necessary to be a teacher, church minister, or staff member.

ACCOMMODATION

There are hotels in the area. You may also ask to be housed in homes of North River members (limited availability).

PRICE

\$150 is the registration fee (for those who sign up by 1 July). After this time, the price will increase to \$180. This is the

price for all attending from the US and Canada.

DISCOUNTS

- * Spouses -- 1/2 off.
- * Full-time students -- 1/2 off.
- * Those 65 and above -- 1/2 off.
- * Children under 18 -- 2/3 off.
- * Those from outside US/Canada -- 2/3 off (no spouse discount).
- * Early registration (before 1 May) -- save an additional 10%.

REGISTRATION

Send an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it for further details. Payment can be made by check, bank wire, or credit/debit card (Amex, Visa, MC, Discover).