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## How Did We Get Here?

### Critical Race Theory (Part 2)

#### A CRT Glossary

**Racism** – attitudes or acts of prejudice and discrimination based on a person’s race; the belief that one’s race is inherently superior to other races.

This is the biblical sin of favoritism, and it is a grievous sin that denies the image of God and the Gospel.

**Racism (CRT)** – The system of privilege based on race, prejudice plus power. Racism is the structural system of white supremacy, which infects every white person and every institution (hence systemic).

**Equality** – In dignity, treated fairly, equal treatment under the law, equal rights. Does not deny meritocracy.

**Equity (CRT) [notice, not ‘equality’]** “When we use the term, we are thinking about racial equity as one part of racial justice, and thus we also include work to address root causes of inequities, not just their manifestation. This includes elimination of policies, practices, attitudes, and cultural messages that reinforce differential outcomes by race or that fail to eliminate them.”

(Racial Equity Tools, Glossary).

#### Antiracism (CRT)

An anti-racist is someone who is supporting an antiracist policy through their actions or expressing antiracist ideas. This includes the expression of ideas that racial groups are equals and do not need developing, and supporting policies that reduce racial inequity.

**White privilege** – unearned advantages that whites experience over non-whites.

“an invisible package of unearned assets that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was ‘meant’ to remain oblivious.” Peggy McIntosh

**White fragility** – the defensiveness and even anger by whites in response to any discussion of race (equality discussion)

**Woke** – having arrived at a level of racial awareness, to embrace the political ideology of CRT. Marginal salvation for white people.

#### The Roots of CRT

- Derrick Bell
- Kimberle Crenshaw
- Ibram X. Kendi,
- Robin DiAngelo,

#### The Pillars of CRT

1. There are two groups – oppressed and oppressor. Hegemony is one group that imposes its influence and will on another group to stay in power.
2. Racism is systemic and inescapable (ordinary and not aberrational).



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3. Revolution – overturning or abolishing all social structures that support systemic racism.
4. Knowledge is a Social Construct, so the power of personal story, experience, and emotion determines truth.
5. Becoming woke, an antiracist, and a SJW is the only response appropriate for whites.

## **The Fruit of CRT**

1. Shuts down all dialogue
2. It's destroying society. It sows division and discord, hatred and vengeance.
3. It is destructive not constructive to race relations in the United States
4. It is destructive to black communities
5. It wrongly diagnoses and ignores significant problems in the black community and blames everything on white privilege and racism, while ignoring other significant factors.

## **Biblical Considerations and CRT**

1. There is a slippery slope here.
2. CRT attacks the Authority of the Bible
3. CRT unashamedly promotes LGBTQ+
4. CRT wrongly diagnoses both the problems and the solutions.
5. The Gospel of Jesus Christ alone can bring us hope. Christ died for every tribe, every tongue, every nation, every people. Christ alone can bring peace.

## **What Should We Do?**

1. We recognize that the sins of racism and injustice still exist and as biblical Christians we fight those wherever we see them.
2. We should oppose CRT being taught in public schools
3. We need to pray that God would thwart the schemes of CRT  
Psa. 33:10-12
4. We should prudently and intelligently do what we can, where we can, to refute the worldview of CRT and reaffirm the ideals of racial equality based on the image of God and biblical justice.

