The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

7-6-2015 - Rebel Flag Flap

White racists have associated the Confederate Flag with their cause so that history, hatred, and prejudice have become merged as if they were one. The rush to remove that flag from toys, clothes, a state capital, and TV has become a stampede!

"Censorship" is the practice of officially examining books, movies, etc., and suppressing unacceptable parts. Why stop with a flag? God's Word censors what is bad.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like (Galatians 5:19-21).

Flag-haters and racists, white or black, should come to Christ, "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one" (**Ephesians 2:14**). It makes a dull movie, but a wonderful society.

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7-7-2015 - Living In the Past

God said to the Edomites:

'Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end, therefore, as I live,' says the Lord GOD,

'I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you' (**Ezekiel 35:5-6**).

The atrocities of wars or the abuses of slavery can never be satisfied, but must be forgiven and forgotten to live in the present. Before worshiping God, Jesus said, "First be reconciled to your brother" (Matthew 5:24). Obeying Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, would reconcile Jews with Germans, Muslims with Catholics, Japanese with Americans, and Afro-Americans with Euro-Americans!

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7-8-2015 - Who Is Equal?

According to the Bible, all humans were Created equal, for:

The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (**Genesis 2:7**).

All humans have a body and a soul and are above the rest of the animal world. According to Jesus Christ, every "creature" who "believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Each Christian equally becomes "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10). Jesus taught "the kingdom of heaven" is like a man who, in giving talents to his servants, "to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability" (Matthew 25:14-15). Humans are only "equal" in Creation and Re-creation, but are not equal in "abilities."

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7-9-2015 - Right Over Wrong

Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished (**Proverbs 16:5**).

A union of sinners, expressed as "join forces" (literally, hand to hand), cannot overpower God's line of "righteousness." God's line between "right and wrong" has never, and will never be, changed because it was outvoted, overpowered, outlasted, or outdone! There is no strength of numbers great enough to change, alter, shrink, or erase God's dividing line of morals! In **Luke 16:15**, Jesus taught:

"For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

Celebrations, street demonstrations, or court rulings only confuse people, but have not changed God's Word! Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

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7-10-2015 - Re-Enactment Or Remembrance?

The Apostles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached to the Jews in Jerusalem that "Jesus of Nazareth" had been:

... Delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it (Acts 2:22-24).

We can read, study, and learn the lessons of the cross of Jesus Christ. No reenactment can adequately portray it. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

But no one should hate the Romans for doing it! Love Jesus for the memory. History is not to promote hate, but to learn.

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