

## Why a Multicultural Church?

An important value of the Barn



Then God said, "Let Us make humanity in **Our image**, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." Gen. 1.26

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Gen. 3.20

**Tselem** comes from a root word meaning "form," likeness and image, it implies "resemblance," or a "representative figure." This tells us that a person is a copy of God.



From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Acts 17.26-28

And He has **made from one blood** every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings Acts 17.26



"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Gen. 12.2

For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

Romans 2.24



The LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed *is* Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

Isaiah 19.25



"Today Christianity stands at the head of this country---I pledge that I will never tie myself to tie myself to those who want to destroy Christianity---We want to fill our culture again with the Christian spirit. In short, we want to burn out the poison of immorality which has entered into our whole life and culture as a result of liberal excess the past few years."





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For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. Romans 12.3



For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. Eph.2.14-16



Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2.9-11a)





For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Eph 2.10



Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

And have made us kings and priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth." Rev 5.8-10



After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all **nations**, **tribes**, **peoples**, **and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands

Rev 7.9

Once you were not a people, but now **you are the people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:3