

12 Christian Inclusiveness

Objective: to understand and live out Christian inclusiveness in a world of tribalism

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Racial Inclusion

- glimpses in the Old Testament: Jethro, Rahab, Ruth, Jonah
- Philip in Samaria
- Philip with Ethiopian treasurer
- Peter with Cornelius the Roman soldier
- Antioch (Acts 11:19-26)
- Barnabas and Paul's missionary journey
- the Jerusalem council
- Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys
- see also Eph 2:11-16 and Rev 5:9-10

Notes:

Gender Inclusion

- in a.d. 177, Celsus criticized Christianity, "It is only foolish and low individuals, and persons devoid of perception, and slaves, and women, and children, of whom the teachers of the divine word wish to make converts" (Origen, *Contra Celsum* 49)
- Galatians 3:27-29

How to Treat Outsiders

- love your neighbor as yourself
- love your enemies
- 1 Peter 2:11-15; 3:14-16; 4:12-16
- listen and be humble (Acts 17:11)
- invite them to follow Christ (Luke 9:23-24)
- if ANYONE will put Jesus first...then she or he is welcome to follow him
- once God and his son begin to live in someone through the spirit, they will change him/her (sanctification)