

FREEDOM IN THE CROSSHAIRS #10

Introduction

I want to continue our Freedom Series messages on...

Awake to Woke: Combatting Critical Race Theory

Last week we looked at the dangers of the 'Woke Cult'.
Tonight I want to look at it's twin sister to answer the question...

What is Critical Race Theory?

Here's my short answer...

Theme

Critical Race Theory is an ideology that is polluting our institutions, poisoning our young people, and bringing America to the brink of a race war. Yet many of God's people don't even know what it is!

Christopher Rufo

Critical Race Theory is fast becoming America's new institutional orthodoxy. Yet most Americans have never of it and many don't understand it. It's time for this to change. We need to know what it is so we can know how to fight it.

This reminds me of a word of wisdom from a few years ago...

Senator Tom Delay

You cannot defeat what you cannot define.

Let's say you are sick. You go to the Doctor. He wants to know your symptoms for one reason. He cannot treat the problem until he knows what it is!
In the same way, America is sick. We see the symptoms everywhere. We will soon see that the deadly disease that afflicts uCritical Race Theory is

Ephesians 5:11

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Critical Race Theory is an 'unfruitful work of darkness' that must be exposed!

We can't defeat what we can't define. So I want to take some time to teach on:

1. A history of CRT's origins
2. How it evolved
3. How Christians must overcome it

I. What is Critical Race Theory?

We can't really understand Critical Race Theory apart from its history

- Its roots are in Marxist Socialism
- Which evolved into Critical Theory in Europe
- Which evolved into Critical Race Theory in America

A. A Brief History Lesson: Its Roots are in Marxist Socialism

1. The roots of Critical Race Theory are found in the ideology of Marxist socialism.

a. **Karl Marx**, (1818-1883), was an atheistic Jew who sought to overthrow capitalism and Christianity by means of creating a conflict between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' that would lead to violent revolution.

b. Marxist Communism was the ideology behind the Bolshevik revolution in Russia in 1917. **The Czar and his family were brutally murdered and the Communists took over.**

2. From there, Marxist Socialism, or Communism, succeeded in Eastern European countries where there was a vast disparity between the rich and the poor, but failed to penetrate nations like England and America because Christian nations had a relatively prosperous middle class.

3. The Marxists realized that a new strategy would be needed to overthrow the prosperous economies of capitalist nations like England and the United States.

4. One of these Marxist was an Italian, Antonio Gramsci

a. Attorney Joseph R. Murray mentions Gramsci in a recent article in the Tennessean on the problem of Critical Race Theory.

Joseph R. Murray II, The Tennessean, 5/10/21

Italian communist Antonio Gramsci observed that Christianity and a vibrant middle class ensured that the seeds of communism would fall on sandy and rocky soil. To de-Christianize the West, he argued that communists must begin a ‘long march through the institutions’.

b. That’s a quote from Gramsci’s book “Prison Letters”, where he said the following:

Antonio Gramsci, “Prison Letters”

“We must enter into every civil, cultural and political activity in every nation, patiently leavening them thoroughly as one leavens bread. To change the culture will require a long march through the institutions...”

5. Whether he knew it or not, Gramsci was using how Jesus told His disciples that the Kingdom of God would transform the world; gradually like leaven in bread.

a. Max Horkheimer, one of the leading Jewish Marxist intellectuals in the Frankfurt School said...

Max Horkheimer (1895-1973)

The Revolution won’t happen with guns, rather it will happen incrementally, year by year, generation by generation. We will gradually infiltrate their educational institutions and their political offices, transforming them slowly into Marxist entities as we move toward universal egalitarianism.

6. This was Gramsci’s solution on how to socialize the Christianized western nations like America.

Larry Alex Taunton

Gramsci knew Western societies were different because of the strength of their power structures he called ‘hegemonies’. Marx had divided the world into a single hegemony of haves and have-nots. Gramsci divided it into more: families, education government, morality church, law and civil society as a whole.

Larry Alex Taunton

Marx argued that capitalism kept the haves in a master relationship with the have-nots; but Gramsci argued that these additional hegemonies provided further insulation for the powerful against the masses.

Larry Alex Taunton

Karl Marx had believed that creating a conflict between rich and poor would lead to violent revolution to overthrow a government. But Gramsci believed that turning a nation to socialism would come through a gradual infiltration of a nation's institutions.

6. Gramsci knew the 'frontal assault' strategy would not work in the Christianized nations of the because these pillars of society were much too strong. These must be subverted from within first; a 'Trojan Horse' strategy.

Antonio Gramsci

“Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture by the infiltration of schools and universities, the Churches and the media, and by transforming the consciousness of society.”

7. How can we read these words and not admit that this is exactly what the Socialists have been doing America!

Larry Alex Taunton

This Trojan Horse approach is called 'Cultural Marxism': Subvert families, traditional morality, and the touchstones of national identity and penetrate the educational institutions, the church and the legal system, and eventually that country will fall like a ripe fruit into the hands of the Marxists.

8. Gramsci's version of communism was 'Cultural Marxism'; to gradually turn nations to socialism by a gradual infiltration of their institutions: the Government, the schools, the media, the arts, and even some Christian churches.

9. The central strategy of the American Marxists today is based on Critical Race Theory. To defeat it we must define it, and that would include knowing where it came from.

B. History: From Marxist Socialism to Critical Theory

1. Critical Race Theory is a product of Critical Theory, developed by a group of Marxist intellectuals at Frankfurt University in Frankfurt Germany in the 1920's. Critical Theory was a destructive criticism of the main elements of Western culture, including Christianity, morality, tradition, capitalism, and the family.

Michael Minnicino, The Schiller Institute : The New Dark Age

The task of the Frankfurt School was first, to undermine the Judeo-Christian legacy through an ‘abolition of culture’; and, second, to determine new cultural forms which would *increase the alienation of the population*, thus creating a ‘new barbarism’.

2. Karl Marx sought to bring socialist revolution by exploiting the difference between economic classes; The Critical theories of the Frankfurt school sowed the seeds of Critical Race Theory that seeks to bring a socialist revolution by exploiting the difference between aces.

Joseph R. Murray II, The Tennessean, 5/10/21

Critical Race Theory is a Marxist orthodoxy that views the world as made up of the oppressed and the oppressors. Where Marx believed oppression was economic, Critical Race Theory holds the source of oppression is race.

3. American Christians need to know that what we’re seeing today is nothing more than Marxist-Socialism in a new dress!

a. Socialism always fails-but socialists never quit; they re-invent!

Dr. Jerry Newcombe

Socialism has now reinvented itself as cultural Marxism and has propagated itself as Critical Race Theory in many of our schools. The violent, destructive protesters who are making mayhem in our streets demanding ‘justice’ are the cultural Marxists, trying to make the rest of the country to be ‘woke’.

C. History: From Marxist Socialism to Critical Theory to American CRT

1. The roots of the Critical Race Theory in America go back 40 years, to the teaching of Kimberle Crenshaw, a Law Professor at UCLA.

KIMBERLE CRENSHAW

UCLA legal academic who coined the terms ‘Critical Race Theory’ and ‘Intersectionality’ in the late 80’s. She applied these concepts to race, arguing that black people are victims of white hegemony, white supremacy, or what is sometimes called ‘white privilege’.

a. Crenshaw’s teaching updates Gramsci’s term ‘hegemony’, or ‘power structures’ as something she calls ‘intersectionality’.

Intersectionality

The interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.

b. Crenshaw's view of the world is that everything in life can be explained through the matrix of oppressors and victims, or 'intersectionality'.

Kimberle Crenshaw

“At the *intersection* of society, you will find:

- **The poor are victims of the rich**
 - **Blacks are victims of whites**
 - **Women are victims of men**
 - **Homosexuals are victims of heteronormativity**
 - **Non-Americans victims of Americans**
- And on it goes...”**

2. Every one of these categories is in play today; but the one at the forefront is the hegemony of blacks as victims whites. To Crenshaw...

- If you are black, you are oppressed and a victim of whites, whether you know it or not
- If you are white, you are an oppressor of blacks, whether you know it or not

Kimberle Crenshaw

“We are a society that has been structured from top to bottom by race. You don't get beyond that by deciding not talk about it anymore. It will always come back. It will always reassert itself over and over again.”

3. That first sentence tells us all we need to know about how Critical Race Theory sees the world.

- a. Everything is race based.
- b. The racism in America is systemic; it is ever-present and unfixable.

4. In Crenshaw's world, black people are the perpetual *victims* of white people and the cause of their problems. For example:

- If you are a black man or woman who fails to succeed in America, it cannot possibly be the result of their own choices or limitations—it is always a result of a racist system

5. African American author Shelby Steele, in his book ‘White Guilt’, points out how painting blacks as ‘victims’ actually debilitates them.

Shelby Steele, ‘White Guilt’

“Since the social victim has been oppressed by society, he comes to feel that his individual life will be improved more by changes in society than by his own initiative. Without realizing it, he makes society rather than himself an agent of change. The power he finds in his victimization may lead him to collective action against society, but it also encourages passivity within the sphere of his personal life.”

- If you are a white man or woman in America, you are an oppressor of black people

6. A Bible-believing Christian can see how Satan’s fingerprints are all over the ideology of Critical Race Theory:

- a. Satan is a *Deceiver*: He tells black Americans they are victims of white Americans because of their blackness
- b. Satan is an *Accuser*: He tells white Americans they are oppressors of black Americans because of their whiteness
- c. Satan is a *Liar*: And Critical Race Theory is a whopper.

Glenn Beck

Straight from the Marxist con game of critical race theory are three big lies about ‘systemic racism’ in America that are debilitating to our nation: the lie that policing in the U.S. is thoroughly racist, the lie of voter suppression, and the lie of equity as the solution to solve ‘racism’.

(Now you know why all 3 of these underlined lies are in the news)

Glenn Beck

Despite the evidence disproving these lies, they grow stronger, thanks to Democrats and activists with selfish interest in these narratives, who, along with their media partners, spread the sinister message that everything in

America is racist by default and only massive government intervention can save us from ourselves.

7. All this brings us back to the bottom line on Socialism in all its forms; the satanic version of the gospel, which is salvation by the government.

8. Make no mistake. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. We are in a religious war for the soul of America.

Joseph R. Murray II, The Tennessean, 5/10/21

Critical Race Theory is not just a theory; it is a form of religious zealotry that believes its truth is unassailable.

a. In his book “Fault Lines”, Pastor Voddie Baucham warns us of how Critical Race Theory is bringing America to the brink of a race war.

Voddie Baucham

We have something in Critical Race Theory that is lifting itself up against the gospel.

III. How Can Christians Overcome?

A. Live Not By Lies

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Live not by lies!

1. Always remember that Marxism/Socialism/Communism and their stepchild Critical Race Theory are all based on LIES!

2. Jesus promised us that His true disciples would know the Truth and the Truth would make them free.

John 8:32

You shall know the truth and the truth

3. Knowing the truth sets us free; believing a lie brings us into bondage; we overcome lies with the truth!

4. God is exposing what's what and who's who.

a. God is exposing the wise and the foolish.

Proverbs 14:15

Fools believe every word they hear, but wise people think carefully about everything.

b. God is exposing the who is from God and who is not.

1 John 4:6

We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

5. Watch God use the issue of Critical Race Theory to separate the sheep from the goats; to reveal those who live by truth and expose those who live by lies.

a. This is the same Apostle John whose last words were...

3 John 4

I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth.

6. To walk in truth is the opposite of living by lies.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

To live by lies means to accept without protest all the falsehoods and propaganda that the state compels its citizens to affirm, or at least not to oppose the falsehoods and propaganda. To live by lies is to get along peaceably under totalitarianism.

7. Critical Race Theory is a lie; it cannot be accepted without our protests. We must oppose the propaganda and refuse to get along peaceably with the liars.

8. We are all praying for revival and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and miracles. But let's not forget the Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Truth!

1 John 5:6

This is He who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

9. Critical Race Theory is a lie being exposed by the Holy Spirit; so let us listen to the words of Saint Seraphim of Sarov:

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

“Acquire the Holy Spirit and thousands around you will be saved. One small act of rebellion may act as the spark of a revolution that saves liberty and humanity.”

10. We must never be overwhelmed or in fall into fear! The victory is certain. Our path is clear.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

The simple step of a courageous individual is not to partake in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world.

What is Critical Race Theory?

It is a lie that we overcome by the truth!

Closing Prayer