

Do Black lives matter? Of course, they do. Black lives matter to God, because black men and women are made in the image and likeness of God – just like the rest of humanity.

Acts 17:26, *“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...”*

Every life is precious to God, who prohibits murder:

Genesis 9:6, “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”

All Christians should agree with this statement and acknowledge that when the Bible says, *“God so loved the world...”* (John 3:16), He included all people no matter the color of their skin.

But our topic here is the movement called the **Black Lives Matter**.

It began in 2013, the movement was co-



founded by three black community organizers, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tomet. They began by using

hashtag **#BlackLivesMatter** on social media to respond to the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of a black teenager, Trayvon Martin. The movement became nationally recognized for street demonstrations following the 2014 deaths of Michael Brown - resulting in protests and unrest in Ferguson, MO—and Eric Garner in New York City. Since the Ferguson protests, participants in the movement have demonstrated against the deaths of numerous other African Americans by police actions and/or while in police custody.

The movement returned to national headlines and gained further international attention following the death of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2020.

Black Lives Matter now claims a network of over 16 official local chapters in the US and is growing every day.

Local Black Lives Matter chapters are asked to commit to the organization’s list of guiding principles but operate without a central structure or hierarchy. Alicia Garza has commented that the Network was not interested in “policing who is and who is not part of the movement.”

These principles are set forth in a 3,000-word doctrinal statement entitled “We believe” on the organization’s official website: www.blacklivesmatter.com.

This enables us to look at three areas of concern about what the organization believes which is contrary to Biblical Christianity.

FAITH

Their beliefs are a combination of Liberation Theology, Black Feminism, and Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Like all religions, they have a concept of “sin” (what is wrong) and a plan of “salvation” (how to be forgiven or escape judgment).

SIN: CRT teaches all humanity falls into two categories: (1) Oppressors; and (2) The Oppressed. The oppressors are those whose primary sin is racism. The oppressed are victims of both direct and indirect sins of racism.

Whites are viewed as the oppressors and Blacks as the oppressed. The sin of racism is inherent to being white.

Blacks as the oppressed are victims of racism – by both the innate privilege of the oppressors (called “white privilege”) and specific acts of racism.

SALVATION: “Most religions and ideologies present a “gospel,” or a way of salvation-rescue from a perceived problem. In short, CRTI, whether explicitly or implicitly, teaches that salvation is needed from inherent racism and privilege innate to whiteness. In other words, a swath of humanity is congenitally deprived due to whiteness. Salvation for this population, therefore, is mostly impossible.”

<https://thecripplegate.com/author/ericdavis/>

Both beliefs are contrary to the Word of God. Man’s basic problem is not racism, it is disobeying God (sin). The solution to this basic problem is salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

FAMILY

“We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.”

The “Western-prescribed nuclear family structure” is a father and a mother raising their children in the fear of God. This is not just a “western model” it is God’s plan for the family.

Multiple studies have shown that homes without a father often put a child at risk for

adverse outcomes. For example, children living in female headed families with no spouse: are more likely to live in poverty; drop out of school; join a gang; end up in prison, etc. The simple truth is children need both a father and a mother. [Note: This does not mean there are outstanding mothers, who have raise fine children on their own]

This rejection of the Christian understanding of marriage, family and sexuality is seen by the following statements:

“We build a space that affirms Black women, and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.”

“We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.”

“We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless he or they disclose otherwise).”

In rejection the Biblical model for marriage and family, Black Lives Matter sets a course for poverty for the people they claim to represent.

Freedom

“We embody and practice justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another.”

This is a noble goal and sounds a lot like the motto of the French Revolution – **“Liberty, Equality and Fraternity!”**

The French Revolution demonstrated the folly of attempting to reach these goals without God, the author of liberty. Instead of bringing “Liberty, Equality and Fraternity” to France, they brought the “Reign of Terror.”

2 Peter 2:19 *“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”*

In the end, **Black Lives Matter** will do more harm than good., because it feeds on anger, perpetuates a victim mentality, and fosters bigotry (Blacks hating Whites).

Proverbs 15:18, *“A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.”*

The late Martin Luther King, Jr. said:

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”



And that love can only come as we encounter, embrace, and experience the love of God in Christ.

1 John 4:9-11, *“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”*

THE TRUTH ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER



“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”

-- Proverbs 22:24-25

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