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Earlier in His ministry, the Lord transformed the lives of many Samaritans with His message of eternal life (*John 4*). Of the ten lepers that the Lord cleansed, only one came back to thank the Lord, and he was a Samaritan (*Luke 17:16-17*).

Today as the Bible is rejected, and our Lord's teachings are being abandoned, racial hatred and tensions are dangerously on the rise. *Critical Race Theory* (CRT) would have us believe that half the country are racists and oppressors and the other half are oppressed and helpless victims. People are being judged based on the color of their skin rather than upon the content of their character.

Yet we know the real issue is not SKIN, but it is SIN, and **the only antidote for racism is Christ's Righteous Teachings (CRT)**. If Americans would love their neighbors as themselves, and do unto others as they would have others do unto them, racism would cease.

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