

# Christian Resources about Racial Justice

These resources are ordered from more introductory books (1) to texts that rely on more experience or understanding (4 or 5). Books numbered 1-3 are primary recommendations for 101 level learners.

<p>Biblical basis for racial reconciliation and racial justice</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beyond Colorblind: Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey (Shin)</li> <li>2. Very Good Gospel (Harper)</li> <li>3. The Heart of Racial Justice: How Soul Change Leads to Social Change (McNeil and Richardson)</li> <li>4. The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race (Jennings)</li> </ol>	<p>These books provide Scriptural foundations for why ethnicity matters and how it fits into the Christian redemption narrative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why should the Church care about race?</li> <li>● What does the Bible say about my ethnic identity?</li> </ul>
<p>Learning</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America (Smith and Emerson)</li> <li>2. Many Colors: Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church (Rah)</li> <li>3. White Awake: An Honest Look at What it Looks Like to be White (Hill)</li> <li>4. The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Cone)</li> <li>5. Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart (Cleveland)</li> </ol>	<p>These books discuss historical and social implications of race through the lens of the Christian faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How does culture and race affect how people experience the Gospel?</li> <li>● What is the Christian hope for racial reconciliation?</li> </ul>
<p>Responding</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up (Khang)</li> <li>2. Prophetic Lament (Rah)</li> <li>3. I'm Still Here (Brown)</li> <li>4. Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience (Rowe)</li> <li>5. Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World (Heltzel and Salvatierra)</li> </ol>	<p>These books give instruction for how faith informs individual, communal, and social/political response to racial injustice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What do I do as a Christian convicted about racial injustice?</li> <li>● What does it look like to pursue social change with a Christian worldview?</li> </ul>
<p>Secular resources</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. White Fragility (DiAngelo)</li> <li>2. Between the World and Me (Coates)</li> <li>3. So You Want To Talk About Race (Oluo)</li> <li>4. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (Alexander)</li> <li>5. How To Be An Antiracist (Kendi)</li> </ol>	<p>While these resources are not rooted in the Christian tradition, they are useful for understanding race relations in America and how to engage with unjust structures in today's society.</p>

# Learning Path Recommendations

This list takes the above resources and organizes them by a “path” so that an individual or group could progress through a three-book recommended reading list. It is categorized by different starting points.

<p>“I don’t even know where to begin”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beyond Colorblind: Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey (Shin)</li> <li>2. White Awake: An Honest Look at What it Looks Like to be White (Hill)</li> <li>3. Prophetic Lament (Rah)</li> </ol>
<p>“I have concerns/questions about the relevance of social justice to the Christian Gospel”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very Good Gospel (Harper)</li> <li>2. Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America (Smith and Emerson)</li> <li>3. Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart (Cleveland)</li> </ol>
<p>“I care about social justice, but don’t know how to integrate that value with my faith”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Heart of Racial Justice: How Soul Change Leads to Social Change (McNeil and Richardson)</li> <li>2. The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Cone)</li> <li>3. Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World (Heltzel and Salvatierra)</li> </ol>
<p>“I want to learn about how people who are culturally different from me experience God and the world”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Between the World and Me (Coates)</li> <li>2. Prophetic Lament (Rah)</li> <li>3. I’m Still Here (Brown)</li> </ol>
<p>“I am ready to take a faithful risk to engage social/racial injustice”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up (Khang)</li> <li>2. Roadmap to Reconciliation (McNeil)</li> <li>3. Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience (Rowe)</li> </ol>
<p>“I realize I need an entirely new paradigm for my theology. Challenge me!”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery (Charles and Rah)</li> <li>2. The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race (Jennings)</li> <li>3. “Can White People be Saved?”: Triangulating Race, Theology, and Mission (Fuller)</li> </ol>