

# THE WORD

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## Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

## Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----  
---Matthew 5:16---*

*Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.*

**Rabun County Church of Christ**

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**Tiger, GA 30576**

**ATTENDANCE week of February 24, 2019**

**Sun School-----26**  
**Worship----- 28**  
**Wed, night-----6**  
**Contribution-----\$683**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Sunday fellowship meal this week  
after worship.**

If you are going to be traveling and know  
you will miss service, please let us know so  
we can pray for your safe return.

**PRAYER LIST:**

**Leota Weston**  
**Sonny Gay**  
**E.Y. Fry**  
**Dick Godfrey**  
**Michael Dixon**  
**Josh McElrath**  
**Janice Johnson**  
**Annemarie Ruhlman**  
**Margaret Schoen**  
**Coleen Holt**  
**Jan Townsend**  
**Carolyn Ledford**  
**Muriel Boyd**  
**Martin Davis**  
**Jim Johnson**

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**Birthdays:**  
**Gunner Pate (6)**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**Minor Prophets (Zechariah Chpt 4)**

# How God Has Dealt with Racism (pt 1)

## By Jason Flowers

It's a shame and utter disgrace that hatred and bigotry continue to exist in our country, but racism isn't anything new. One need only to look to the Bible and see that it's nearly as old as humanity. When Joseph was accosted by Potiphar's wife (an Egyptian), he escaped, leaving his cloak in her hands. She remarked to others that her husband "brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us" (**Genesis 39:14**). There she made a racist remark and distinction between herself and the man whom she desired, and her allegation was one she attributed not to poor character, but his race despite his innocence and her culpability.

We may go farther in our Old Testaments to the book of Jonah. The prophet was given a mission to go to the Ninevites and preach God's judgment to them. He didn't want to do this because he knew that God was too gracious and if they sincerely repented, God would withhold punishment from them. Once the prophet relented, Jonah went and preached, but he sat outside the city to see if God would destroy it thus indicating the Ninevites' insincere repentance if He in fact had. When one studies the history of Israel's and Assyria's interactions before Jonah's ministry, we see a bit of animosity (**Amos 2:6-8**). However, Israel did well and began to prosper once again (**2 Kings 14:23-27**), but their prosperity in light of the Assyrians' actions left a hatred toward them that Jonah could not get beyond to extend God's mercy to the people. We may also look to the book of Esther. One of the key players in this work was Haman, an Agagite. When honors were bestowed upon him, all the people fawned over Haman except Mordecai, the Jew. Once Haman learned that Mordecai was a Jew, he determined to extinguish all the Jews (**Esther 3:4-6**). The good Bible student knows that Agag was once King of the Amalekites, whom King Saul was commissioned to have blotted from the face of the earth (**1 Samuel 15**). Saul didn't do as God had commanded, and King Agag escaped, and his descendants were forever known as Agagites. Haman had likely grown up hearing how the Jews nearly extinguished his ancestors, though the destruction of the Amalekites was God's judgment upon them for how they mistreated Israel after they escaped Egyptian slavery. Haman, whose people were nearly extinguished, now was in a position to do likewise to a race of people he'd been taught to hate. Racism isn't innate in a person but taught.

## **SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 28:23-27**

### **THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY**

Announcements.....Ed Townsend  
Bible Class Prayer.....Ron Weston  
Song Leader .....Don Roe  
Direct Lord's Supper.... Micah Pate  
Assist Lord's Supper.....Ron Weston  
Assist Lord's Supper.....Ernest McElrath  
Opening Prayer.....Martin Davis  
Scripture Reading.....Doug McElrath  
Sermon.....Jason Flowers  
Closing Prayer.....Jim Johnson

### **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED**

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17  
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16  
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38  
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10  
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38  
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1<sup>ST</sup> COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions

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