

SAMPLE LETTER TO CHURCH LEADERS OPPOSING CRITICAL RACE THEORY

(Explicitly Christian Message)

(521 words)

I understand that our church is embracing “critical race theory” and I totally oppose it. Fact is, “critical race theory” (CRT) is anti-Christian. I cannot attend a church that embraces anti-Gospel doctrines.

First, CRT rejects the doctrine that Jesus was the Savior, and embrace “liberation theology” that focuses on improving the world as Christianity’s goal. Jesus described and urged people to follow a path to eternal life, not to try to perfect human society. (Mt. 26:11; Jn. 3:16)

Second, CRT divides people into categories, most notably “black” vs. “white.” That directly contradicts the New Testament view that such divisions do not exist among Christianity. (Lk. 10:30-37; Gal. 3:28)

Third, CRT teaches there is no objective truth and no objective morality. CRT says truth is what you experience, and your experiences are tied to your membership in a certain category. That’s anti-Christian, of course. For starters, the Noahide Laws and the Ten Commandments declare objective truths and morality. Specifically, Jesus declared he was the way, the truth and the life, and that he was the sole path to unity with God the Father. (Jn 14:16; Jn. 3:16) CRT is totally incompatible with core Christian doctrines.

Fourth, CRT divides people into broad categories of “oppressor” and “oppressed.” That is anti-Christian. Both the Old and New Testaments divide people into unrepentant sinners vs. repentant God followers. (Mt. 25:36-41; Prov. 20:7, 37:21, 10:11, 12:5, 13:5; 15:28; 29:7) Christianity brings the saving truth of Christ to all the world, not to certain categories of people. CRT is the opposite, teaching that categories of people must be at war.

Fifth, CRT says that the more “oppressed” a person can claim to be based upon category membership, the more that person has moral superiority and should be heard. Christianity teaches that no person is superior to another when it comes to righteousness on their own. (Rom. 3:10; Job 15:14,16; Ps. 14:3) Christ provides the answer to sin. Hate and violence of one group against another is the opposite – and CRT imports those ideas into the church.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., put it perfectly, when he described in 1963 the Christian value-infused world of which he dreamed: “I have a dream that one day ... little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.” And most famously:

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.”

And:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Respectfully, if this church is going to teach about relations involving race and other categories, it must be a message of unity in Christ. The CRT ideas undermine and destroy that message. I urge this church to return to the Gospel that applies equally and lovingly to everyone, everywhere, at all times.