

FINDING SOUL BROTHERS

Dismantling Black Christian Racism

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New Book Challenges Christians to Favor Faith Over Race

Atlanta — Former journalist Pamela G. Wilson has released a new non-fiction book entitled, *Finding Soul Brothers: Dismantling Black Christian Racism*. The provocative social commentary explores Black Christians often tenuous balance between faith and race. The prevalent tendency toward racial solidarity was once expressed with the words “soul brother”. Now it’s expressed through political and social loyalties that don’t budge, even when they clash with faith principles.

This race-focused mindset is defined as “racism”, which differs from “racism” (aversion to those of another race). While most Black Christians do not engage in racism, many do practice racism; which, of course, is contrary to the Bible. Jesus Himself stated that faith - not race - should be our focus and the foundation of unity. Here’s how He responded when someone tried to play the “brother” card on Him:

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”
Matt. 12:49-51

It’s time for Black Christians to find new soul brothers — in Christ. But, even today, they are more likely to focus on racial soul brothers than spiritual ones. This has been a major hindrance to total unity within the Christian church. It has also forced Black Christians to maintain loyalties based on racial tradition rather than the Bible. For example many, Black Christians are willing to support pro-abortion politicians, even though the Bible recognizes life at conception. Black Christians are likely to follow certain Black leaders - even leaders who publicly refute the divinity of Jesus Christ. These behaviors indicate a priority of race over faith, and a lack of a Biblical view.

For Black Christians, adopting a true Biblical view often means choosing between liberal social and political stances, which have been the traditional focus of Black churches; and conservative views, which have been the primary rallying point of conservative white Christians. For many it will mean removing racist badges of victimization, abandoning the race card, and discarding secular views and practices.

Finding Soul Brothers presents a strong message requiring self-examination, but the book is not just for Black Christians. It’s for anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and for those who are still seeking a closer relationship with Him. It’s for people who value Christian unity. And it’s an insightful tool for church leaders. In order to create real “Soul Brotherhood” Christians of all walks of life must collectively tackle Black Christians’ divided loyalties, the most pressing hindrance to unity in the church today.

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