Biography on Dr. James Hall

Dr. James Bernard Hall was born in Magnolia, MS & graduated valedictorian from South Pike High School in 1991. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a member of the Honors College & received a B.S. in Biochemistry. After college, he worked as a counselor/teacher at Eckerd Youth Alternatives, an at-risk youth camp in Blakely, GA. He then attended University of Mississippi Medical Center and received a Doctor of Medicine degree in 2002. He completed a three-year residency in Internal Medicine at University Hospital in Jackson, MS, and he also completed a two-year fellowship in Nephrology. He is board-certified in Nephrology. He is currently practicing Nephrology in Brookhaven, MS at the clinic he founded, Anointed Nephrology & Hypertension. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Renal Physicians Association, & MS Shine Project. His special interests are preventive nephrology & HIV related kidney disease. Dr. Hall published "Screening for CKD in the Ambulatory HIV Population" in the *Clinical Nephrology* journal, and has completed his first book, "The Unholy Appetite." He also founded the STRETCH foundation, which is a life skills class designed to help young people live a full life with passion and good success. He married his high school sweetheart, Joy & they have two sons, Matthew & Jordan. They attend Freedom Church in Brookhaven, where he is a licensed minister and youth teacher. Dr. Hall's outside interests include motivational speaking, bass fishing, deer hunting, & biking.

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"I Can't Help It"

According to Genesis 2:7, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." If my interpretation of this scripture is true, when the Spirit of God touches dirt, a soul is born. The interplay between Spirit and dust produces our consciousness or soul. God did not qualify the skin color of this particular specimen because it was irrelevant. But He did make it clear that this living being is greater in thought than any of His other creations. He made it clear that this being was to be fruitful and have dominion over all the other beasts of the field. Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." If there was any distinction between mankind, it would have been evident at the creation; however, we do not see any distinction between one man and another man. "Geneticists have found that if we were to take any two people from anywhere in the world, the basic genetic differences between these two people would typically be around 0.2 percent." (One Race One Blood, Ken Ham). So, when God made man, He made one species, called MANKIND. All other species are NON-MANKIND.

Slavery, prejudice, and racism are not new phenomenon. These sinister control tactics were evident in the Bible days and are evident in every nation. The major difference in these control tactics in the U.S. and in non-U.S. countries, is that other countries enslaved & manipulated their own people. Racism in the U.S. was unique because the enslaved had a different skin color & were outsiders compared to the ruling party. Also, the ruling party (*whites)* systematically created institutions that intentionally isolated, ostracized, and disenfranchised blacks through forced labor, demoralization, misinformation, miseducation/non-education. This race was a paradigm that intended to keep one 'race' of people in leadership and the other 'race' of people in the servanthood role. However, truthfully, the term 'race' is man-made and not God designed. God only created one 'race' of people. We all came from Eve. Genesis 3:20 says "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." So, if you believe the Bible, every person on the earth is related. According to DNA we all can be traced back to one common ancestor; this fact makes forensic science possible. If we did not have a common ancestor, then there would be millions of different DNA strains in parallel, that would never lead to each other, but we know from Genetics that all mankind has the same foundational DNA pattern with striking commonality.

If skin color fully delineated the species and blacks were a different species than whites, we could not procreate and produce offspring. This simple fact alone proves we are of the same species. Dogs cannot procreate with cats; cows cannot procreate with horses because they are all different species.

So how did we get so much 'racial' separation in the church. Simple answer: SIN. Prejudice is sin that stems from mild dislike to hatred of another person based on their skin tone. By the way, skin tone is determined by the amount of melanin in the skin. Prejudice was taught by the old slave owners to keep their economic welfare in place, and this generational curse was passed down generation after generation. Today, many young white people have no idea why they don't like people of a darker skin tone, because it has been downloaded into their subconsciousness by their ancestors. This sin is prevalent in every culture, just like all other sin, so to isolate white people because they owned slaves is somewhat unfair. However, we know a tree by its fruit, and if a church refuses to minister to people based on skin color, then it is primitive & naïve at best. And I do not believe God is pleased with an exclusivism mentality. Churches like this are deceived about their purpose. Matthew 28:19 says "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" This sounds like Jesus commanded us to teach every person we come in contact with about Him!! Sadly, many Pastors promote separation based on skin color, so Sunday becomes the most segregated day of the week. Sunday should be the most integrated day of the week. We say we read the same Bible & worship the same God, but despite being 'integrated' on Monday through Saturday (*at work/Walmart/school),* Sunday is separation day. How does God feel about His church having respect of persons based on something they had no control over?

This brings me to a story of my Pastors' granddaughter. She was at a playground in our hometown, and there were black girls playing. Addie (*who is white)* asked the little black girls could she come play, and their response was, "No, you are white so you can't play with us." Addie's response was, "I can't help it." No one picks their parents, so to decide who is welcome and unwelcome at church is simply playing God. I always thought we should help people change things that can be changed about their life, such as immorality, addictions, sin. Skin cannot be changed, so it should be our LEAST concern regarding winning souls. Introducing people to Jesus should be our most pressing matter, and the color of their skin should be the least concern—because they can't help it. In the end, you will be judged based on how you love God and how you love your neighbor. Deciding that a person of another color is not worth your time, ministry, or efforts is stepping in the place of God. How many people have you sent to hell because they did not look like you? Anyone who stands between you and God, is of the devil. People of God always intercede and stand between you and hell. What great testimony it is to build a multicultural church that pleases God in the midst of turmoil, racism, & division. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;" Revelation 7:9

Respectfully In Jesus Name,

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