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Faithful Antiracism ***Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change***

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A Twenty-Year Study of Evangelicals and Race

Based on the *Race, Religion, and Justice Project, the most comprehensive study of evangelicals and race in over twenty years, *Faithful Antiracism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change* challenges Christians and the church to deepen their discussion on racial righteousness and the value of discipleship.

Christina Edmondson and Chad Brennan address the lingering questions around racism and cultural bias in local congregations, denominations, and other Christian institutions. Drawing from this new research, Brennan and Edmondson untangle the practices, theology, history, and social political ethics surrounding America's persistent racial stratification. And they tackle questions such as:

- *How do we determine if we ought to label an organization or system racist?*
- *What are the appropriate and most efficacious interventions in such spaces that bring to bear the special revelation of God's Word and the common grace of the social sciences to address it?*
- *What resources within the history, theology, and liturgy of Christianity do we currently have that are being overlooked?*
- *How do we strategically, correctively, and biblically challenge those individuals and systems most resistant to the call of divesting from racist practices and ideologies in the name of Jesus?*

*The Race, Religion, and Justice Project (RRJP), directed by Chad Brennan, was a two-year national research project that took place from 2019–2020. It was a collaboration between the Barna Group, the Racial Justice and Unity Center (a ministry of Renew Partnerships), lead researchers Drs. Glenn Bracey and Michael Emerson (coauthor of the book *Divided by Faith*), and the Lilly Endowment. The RRJP was one of the largest studies of racial dynamics in US Christianity ever conducted. It consisted of interviews with 115 leaders and experts in ten cities, a nationally representative survey of 3260 individuals, focus groups with 119 congregants in seven cities, and ethnographic studies of churches in four cities. A collaboration team of over two hundred experts and leaders helped with the project. For more details visit rrjp.org.

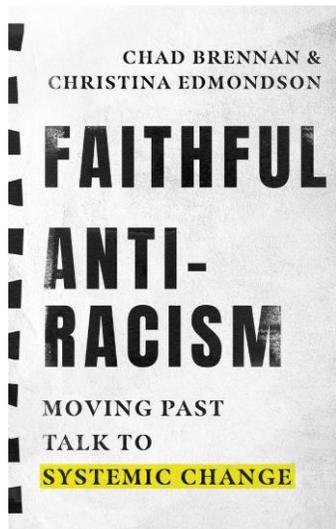


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Imagine If Our Society Was Rid of Racial Injustice

When it comes to racial dynamics in the US, it is easy to get overwhelmed by the magnitude of the pain, complexities, and challenges. The protests that took place across the US in the summer of 2020 were an example of the enormous pain and concern that millions of Americans continue to feel. For hundreds of years, millions of individuals have worked to end racism and racial injustice in the US, yet it still remains a powerful and persistent force. There is so much that needs to be acknowledged, understood, and dismantled that it can feel like an impossible mountain to climb.

The challenges are real but so are the possibilities. As we begin this book, we hope and pray you will also have a sense of the magnitude of the possibilities. Imagine how different our lives could be if our society was rid of the disease of racial injustice. No more dealing with the spiritual and psychological burden of receiving advantages or disadvantages simply because we are categorized by society in one way or another. No more strained and divided cross-racial relationships. No more passing down a legacy of racial dysfunction to our children. Imagine how different our Christian organizations could be if we were living out Jesus' prayer that we would be one as he and the Father are one (John 17:19-21). Imagine if Christians were living out God's plan for his people to do what is right and just (Genesis 18:19). Imagine how different our society could be if our cultural and ethnic differences were a source of strength and joy rather than a source of division, conflict, and injustice. Imagine if we could work together across racial, ethnic, and cultural lines to address the major challenges we and our children will face in the coming centuries.

The journey toward the above realities is not easy, but it is well worth it. Even if we don't arrive at the top of the mountain within our lifetimes, every step we take toward the summit is a step away from evil, pain, confusion, and conflict and toward Christ's peace, healing, truth, and love. We are excited to journey with you.

In the following pages, we will wrestle with questions such as

- What are the essential elements of having a biblical, effective approach to address racism? (chapter 1)
- What are some principles in the Bible that apply to racial injustice? (chapter 2)
- What can we learn from Christians who have attempted to stand for justice in the past? (chapter 3)
- What do we need to understand about past racial realities? (chapter 4)
- What do we need to understand about present racial realities? (chapter 5)
- What do we need to understand about racial trauma? (chapter 6)
- What are common, ineffective ways that Christians work toward racial progress? (chapter 7)
- What can we learn from the example of the early church? (chapter 8)
- How can we seek out help and help others? (chapter 9)
- How can we effectively measure progress? (chapter 10)
- How can we help to change society? (chapter 11)

—Adapted from the introduction

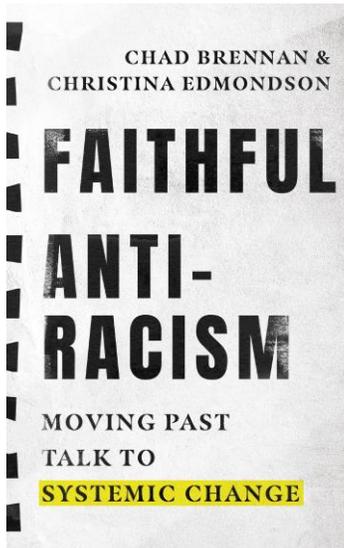


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