What is the Biblical approach to racism?

What is racism? ____________________________________________
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What passage should shape our talk on racism? ____________ 7:1-5

Detour to Genesis 1:26-28
1. Adam was made in the Image of God
   a. Man was made in the Image of God and commanded to ____________ after his kind.
   b. All _________ groups came from one man (Acts 17:26).
   c. Therefore, all _________ groups are in the ______________________.
2. This differentiates all people from animals.
   a. Matthew ____:____-31
   b. _________ 12:10-12
   c. “Being ________ to [Blacks], and having strong affections for, and including in our lives is what we do for our ______ too. It does not say much about honor and respect and equality before God.” (Dr. John Piper in Bloodlines page 32)

Focus Passage: Colossians 3:1-17
1. Divisions
   a. Greek or ________
   b. B_______________
   c. S_______________
2. Observations
   a. None of these distinction matter in the Church, Christ’s Body. We are all one.
   b. This does not mean we should ________ cultural diversity, for it is a _______________ thing. Rather, we should detest racial conflict and cultural conformity.
3. Commands
   a. C_______________ hearts (Romans 12:15)
   b. K_____________ (Matthew 5:38-42; 7:12)
   c. H______________ (Romans 11:17-21; Philippians 3:3-11)
Interracial Marriage

1. Numbers __
2. ___________ 41:45
3. 1 Corinthians __
   a. This chapter never makes race a qualification for marriage. Rather, its highest concern is with believers marrying unbelievers.
   b. In light of Colossians 3:11 and other passages, it is clear that interracial marriage is not wrong.
   c. Warren Webster, who at the time was the General Director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was asked in 1967 about what he would do if his daughter fell in love with a Pakistani while they were on the mission field. His response has become iconic, “Better a Christian Pakistani than a godless white American!”

3 Ways to Fight Monoculturalism

1. E_________ (e.g. read books written by and about different cultures and ethnic groups, watch movies produced for other cultures, and listen to the music of other cultures)
2. C_____________ (Find someone of another culture to keep in touch with regularly. This may be hard for some of you, but it is worth the effort.)
3. S_______ (Get involved in a ministry or operation that reaches out to other cultures, specifically ones you have a hard time accepting)

Application:

How can we, as individuals, help fight against racism and cultural intolerance?
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How can we, as a church, fight racism and embrace cultural diversity?
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