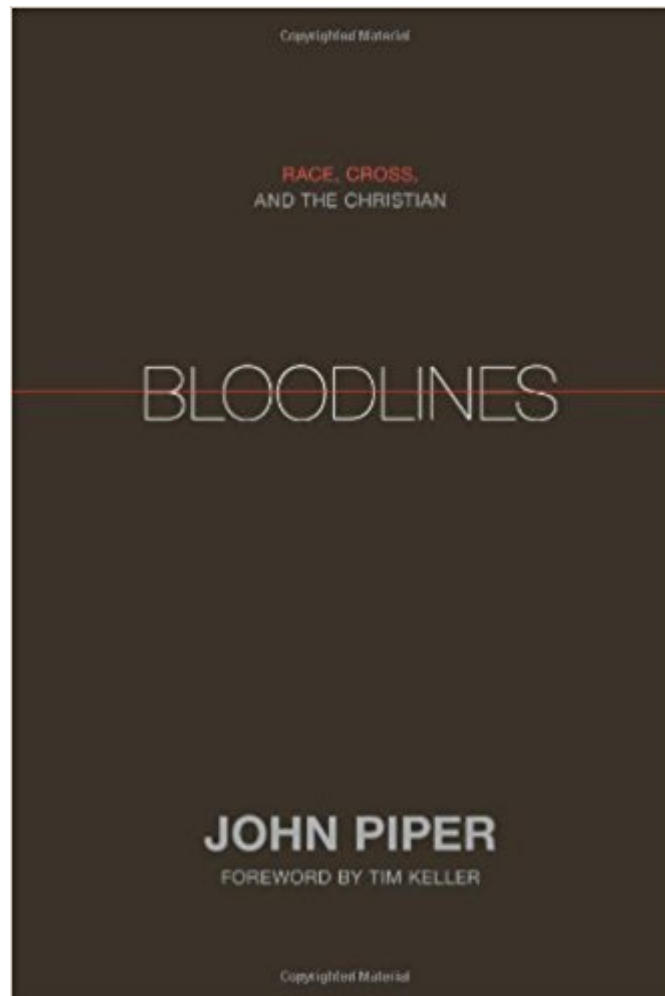




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Bloodlines: Race, Cross, And The Christian



Synopsis

Winner of the 2012 Outreach Cross-Cultural Ministry Resource of the Year Genocide. Terrorism. Hate crimes. In a world where racism is far from dead, is unity amidst diversities even remotely possible? Sharing from his own experiences growing up in the segregated South, pastor John Piper thoughtfully exposes the unremitting problem of racism. Instead of turning finally to organizations, education, famous personalities, or government programs to address racial strife, Piper reveals the definitive source of hope—teaching how the good news about Jesus Christ actively undermines the sins that feed racial strife, and leads to a many-colored and many-cultured kingdom of God. Learn to pursue ethnic harmony from a biblical perspective, and to relate to real people different from yourself, as you take part in the bloodline of Jesus that is comprised of “every tongue, tribe, and nation.”

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Customer Reviews

“John Piper has given us an exquisite work on the matter of race. He addresses the issue with biblical and theological soundness coupled with personal sensitivity and practical advice. This is a must read for those who wish to pursue unity God’s way.”—Tony Evans, Co-founder and Senior Pastor, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship
“Americans have been turning to organizations, education, famous personalities, and ultimately government in an effort to address the on-going racial strife in our nation. In 2008 many hoped that the election of an African-American president would finally bridge this ongoing racial divide. Today, we are left

wondering why racial tensions have not abated. John Piper argues from specific biblical texts that the only solution powerful enough to overcome racial strife and bring about racial reconciliation and harmony is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is this gospel that announces that, through his blood, Jesus has demolished the dividing wall that separates humanity along racial lines and has brought all ethnicities together as brothers and sisters into one body—the church. Yet Piper does not end there. He carefully shepherds us through the various implications of gospel thinking in relation to race and ethnicity. In this sense, the book you hold in your hands is so much more than a book about race and ethnicity. *Bloodlines* is a prime example of how we Christians are to do the hard work of renewing our minds by replacing old ways of thinking with gospel ways of thinking. Read this book and let it serve as a model of how to prepare your mind for action and think soberly about God, your sin, Christ, the gospel, and one another for the sake of your soul, Christ’s church, and God’s glory.

—Juan R. Sanchez, A senior pastor, High Pointe Baptist Church, Austin, Texas; author, *1 Peter for You*

“For years, I have yearned for a biblically sound, theologically anchored resource on race. God has answered that prayer. Leaping off the pages of *Bloodlines* is the power of the gospel to overcome and defeat racism and a call to cross-centered, holy justice in our attitudes and actions toward those who are not like us. This is an important, foundational work and I am sure it will be used of God to remind all of us of the power and precious, priceless dignity of the gospel.

—Crawford W. Loritts Jr., Senior Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Roswell, Georgia; author, *A Passionate Commitment*

“Piper bequeaths an outstanding—and at times, risky—work on race and ethnicity, thoroughly soaked in the biblical Christian Hedonism worldview. I found that Piper’s personal testimony from the 1960s until now and his exploration of critical thinking of African American writers past and present demonstrate the complexity of dealing honestly with the topic for the evangelical who seeks to honor the Savior. He is right: on race, we have fallen together. The only question that remains is whether or not individual members of the evangelical church in America will take deeply to heart this sincere analysis of the cross of Christ and race and then become a steadfast holy force for undoing the problems of racism in North America and the world.

—Eric C. Redmond, A Assistant Professor of Bible, Moody Bible Institute; Pastor of Adult Ministries, Calvary Memorial Church, Oak Park, Illinois

John Piper (DTheol, University of Munich) is the founder and teacher of desiringGod.org and the chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary. He served for 33 years as the senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is the author of more than 50 books,

including Desiring God; "Don't Waste Your Life;" "This Momentary Marriage;" "A Peculiar Glory;" and "Reading the Bible Supernaturally." Timothy J. Keller is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. He is the best-selling author of The Prodigal God and The Reason for God.

John Piper did a good job in theologically breaking down why racial diversity is something to be strived for in the body of Christ. He was also very transparent about his own experiences with racism. This would be a great book to read if you want to gain a better understanding of systemic racism in the U.S. and of how racial diversity fits into the Gospel.

Recommend this book to all Christ followers. It is current, highly relevant to the church all over the world and particularly in South Africa. Piper puts the issue of race and racism in the context of the gospel and provides thought provoking questions and information.

Love how John Piper builds his case for the pursuit of diversity and reconciliation through the 5 points of Calvinism. Even the articles in the appendix were great reads to continue to form a theological case for racial justice and reconciliation.

The gospel is amazing, lay the template of the gospel over any thought or action and it breaks down the strongholds. John's application to the race issue was well done. Because the gospel is the answer, I recommend this book to all who want to be challenged in their thinking. Be prepared to have ugliness revealed but also be prepared to have hope offered.

In light of the current resurgence of racial tension in America this book was timely for me. The front and end of the book were most helpful though I found his five point Calvinism applied to ethnic tensions helpful.

I loved this book. It was so enlightening and powerful. It was so encouraging about racial harmony and intermarriage. Some of the wording can be challenging, but definitely increased my vocabulary.

Don't read this if you don't want to honestly think on what the gospel says about race and be challenged by how you've skewed the gospel when it comes to race

A must read. Wonderful treatise on the church and race relations. A seemingly complicated issue simplified by John Piper in this well written book.

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