First Baptist Church
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"The Basics of Family"
Genesis 10-12

I. Message
   a. A lesson from the genealogies of Genesis: <u>we are all from one family</u>!
      i. Physically
         1. All physical features, all skin colors, all physical characteristics, all eye shapes, nose shapes, eye colors, hair colors and textures, etc.
         2. All the code for all of these characteristics was present in Noah's family
         3. BTW scientifically, racial characteristics like skin color, facial features, eye shape make up only about 1% of the human genetic code.
            a. <u>In other words, the person that looks LEAST like you is 99% identical to you!</u>
            b. Here is the point: <u>all humans are descended from Noah's family</u>
               i. God's people are keenly aware of this
               ii. And thus, should resist racism in their own hearts
               iii. We are physically one family

      ii. Spiritually – Believers are all "One in Christ"
         1. I have a covenant relationship with God now – based on His promise to save me when I trust Christ
         2. I also have a covenant-relationship with you!
            a. Our church constitution begins with a covenant
            b. We promise to help each other grow and love each other toward Christ!
            c. Believers are all one in Christ
         3. Remember this in our study in Ephesians, last year?
            a. Ephesians 2:11
            b. Jews and Gentiles are spiritual family!
            c. IF they are IN CHRIST

d. The natural animosity between races is dead in Christ
e. God has broken down the wall
    i. Galatians 3:28 "
    ii. Colossians 3:11

b. A lesson from the faith of Abraham: <u>The faith family is the one that matters!</u>
i. Terah, Abram's father, was a pagan – Joshua 24:2
ii. And yet, the righteousness of Abraham is a major theme in the NT
    1. Did you know he is mentioned over 70 times in the NT?
    2. Why?
    3. The answer is given first in Genesis 15:6
        a. Abraham believed God
        b. He trusted God's Word and obeyed God's plan
        c. Romans 4:1-25
        d. Galatians 3:7-9

II. Conclusions
a. **We are all from one family!**
    i. How is your racism tendency?
    ii. Many Christians excuse this in themselves
        1. Perhaps they see some races as notoriously immoral
        2. Or they see their own race as spiritually or mentally superior in some way
        3. There is really no excuse for us
        4. We are all of one family, all bearing the image of God
        5. Christians should lead the way in resisting racism in their own hearts – Philippians 2:3

b. **The faith family is the one that matters!**
    i. Abraham believed God and he launched out in faith
    ii. Romans teaches us that everyone willing to do this is a spiritual descendant of Abraham
        1. Are you in THAT family?
        2. The family of FAITH?