

PARENTS of Mr. Galloway's 8th Grade Bible Class,

On Monday, our students went on a field trip to Nottoway plantation. It is amazing the way the Holy Spirit orchestrates events for God's glory and our opportunities to learn and grow. We just finished a unit on what God's Word says about GRACE vs. RACE and CHRIST vs. RACISM. We learned the biblical and biological fact that there are no races (all are children of Adam), no black or white people (all are colored people with varied shades of melanin), that God shows no partiality or discrimination, and that He HATES racism, and most of all that His WAY to overcome such evil is the humble self-sacrificial, love of Christ (also seen through Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermons, life, and assassination).

Now, we are moving into a related unit on what God says about SLAVERY: Both Spiritual under the master of our own selfish sin and Physical under the oppression of other sinners. So, it is amazing and beyond coincidence that the students could tour a plantation that was built and maintained by 155 African slaves. Sadly, they saw that the primary presentation by the plantation organization was to glorify the owner of the plantation and his opulent wealth, with very little emphasis on the slaves. The slaves not only deserve recognition for having been the real ones who created and maintained such a massive complex, but also deserve our ongoing grief for what they endured. Plantations tours should be more like the German holocaust museums, not tributes to the "masters".

My family in history (the Sinclairs and Barrows) owned plantations. I have seen the diaries of the owners, with ledgers in the back listing the slaves names and recording the lashes and other punishments received for failure to do what was commanded by their "masters".

Sadly, SLAVERY of human souls still exists. In fact, many, many times more humans are enslaved today across the world than in all of the 400 years of trans-Atlantic African Slavery. So, to start this unit and the project the student groups will create, below are some sermon messages on this subject that is at the heart of our Good Shepherd's priorities. The students have already seen these videos, so I encourage you to watch them, so you can use them for family discussion.

You can find and listen to an OLD sermon by me on my AUDIO/VIDEO page on my website.

Scroll down that webpage to find the one on Slavery.

http://soulcare.org/gsi_AUDIO_VIDEO_GSI.html

HOWEVER, BELOW are some **MUCH BETTER** messages by some men much more capable:

The first by **Dr. John MacArthur** is a short 2-minute answer to a question about slavery and the Bible. The second by **Dr. John Piper** is an 8-minute intro to Peter's letter about slavery. The third is a full sermon by **David Platt**, author of *RADICAL*, and *FOLLOW ME*, about the full scope of God's view of slavery past, present, future.

Here are the links:

MACARTHUR 2 MINUTES QUICK Q/A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-15KcYonZY>

PIPER - 8 MIN 1 PETER

<https://www.desiringgod.org/labs/slaves-obey-your-masters>

DAVID PRAT - FULL 50 MIN SERMON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cMcrNePEVE>

Gratefully and prayerfully,

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Just an OLD sheepdog of our Good Shepherd Creator Christ