

II. Diangelo's Redefined Racism

- a. **The subtle twist of the devil with Critical Theory:** *to view the world through a distorted lens of power and oppression rather than the lens of sin and righteousness as defined by God.*

- b. **In Critical Race theory, "racism" is redefined in purely systemic terms:**

III. Hegemonic Power is basic to Critical Race Theory:

Hegemony: *leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others*

IV. Is the mere existence of Hegemonic power biblically an injustice?

a. Hegemonic power must be assessed by the biblical standards of justice.

b. Deuteronomy 24:17-18 *"You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge, (18) but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.*

c. Hegemony certainly lends to a direction of injustice.

V. **Societally, a polarizing and heightening of racial tension.**

VI. **Inroads into the church**

James 2:1-4 *My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. (2) For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, (3) and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," (4) have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*