

BLACK THEOLOGY AND THE DOCTRINE OF ONE SPIRIT

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 13, 14

“FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY, WHETHER WE BE JEWS OR GENTILES, WHETHER WE BE BOND OR FREE; AND HAVE BEEN ALL MADE TO DRINK INTO ONE SPIRIT. FOR THE BODY IS NOT ONE MEMBER, BUT MANY.”

INTRODUCTION

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AS A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN I CAN PREACH WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO RACE, COLOR OR NATIONALITY.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE IT TO BE GOD’S WILL THAT SUCH SUPERFICIALITIES AS SKIN COLOR AND NATIONAL ORIGIN WILL BE DISSOLVED INTO A COMMON BOND OF LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD, IF NOT IN THIS LIFE, SURELY IN ETERNITY.

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SUCH TERMS IN OUR LANGUAGE AS BLACK THEOLOGY, THE BLACK CHURCH AND THE WHITE CHURCH, IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE GREAT DISTANCE BETWEEN THE RACES.