**Social Justice Biblically Assessed**

**Week IV: Seeing Critical Theory in Action; Assessing It’s Claims About Race**

**Brief Review:**

Biblical Justice is Defined by the Transcendent Standard of God’s Word

The Antithesis:A conflict that defines world history / a fundamental struggle;

Genesis 3:14-15, Revelation 20:7-9, 2 Corinthians 10:5

**The Critical Race Theory of Robin DiAngelo**

**The elements of truth**

**Profound and resonating descriptions of life**

**The subtle twist of the devil with Critical Theory**

**CRT’s Redefined Racism**

*When a racial group’s collective prejudice is backed by the power of legal authority and institutional control, it is transformed into racism, a far-reaching system that functions independently from the intentions or self-images of individual actors.* (Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility*, pg 20)

**Hegemonic Power is basic to Critical Race Theory:** Hegemony: *leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others*

**Is the mere existence of Hegemonic power biblically an injustice?**

**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*.

**Hegemony does lend to a direction of injustice.**

**Why Does this Really Matter?**

**Evangelicalism is eating this up**

*However, a positive white identity is an impossible goal. White identity is inherently racist; white people do not exist outside the system of white supremacy. This does not mean that we should stop identifying as white and start claiming only to be Italian or Irish. To do so is to deny the reality of racism in the here and now, and this denial would simply be color-blind racism. Rather, I strive to be “less white.” To be less white is to be less racially oppressive. This requires me to be more racially aware, to be better educated about racism, and to continually challenge racial certitude and arrogance.* (DiAngelo 149)

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

**But the greatest danger is the danger posed to the church**