

# BEYOND BLACK & WHITE

CRAIG REES &  
STEVE NORMAN

ALL DUE  
RESPECT...

A nation unifying different people from different states assumes conflict without having to make it a war.

Christians are called to be the salt of the earth, but all too often we are guilty of being gas on the fire.



Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly or he will be wise in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:4–5

**The Christian is called to engagement, not  
silence nor argument.**



**Matthew 22:15–22**  
Page 990

**Pharisees:** nationalistic, anti-Herodian, anti-Roman, seeking the expulsion of both Herod and Rome.

**Herodians:** associates of the Herodian Dynasty, tied to Sadducees, loyal to Herod and Rome.

The wonder of the answer lies neither in the coin in their hands, nor the words from his mouth but a consistent lifestyle that championed a different kind of kingdom. A kingdom which made pursuing peace with God and self a prerequisite for experiencing peace with others.



But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought nearby the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:13–16

# BEYOND BLACK & WHITE

CRAIG REES &  
STEVE NORMAN

ALL DUE  
RESPECT...