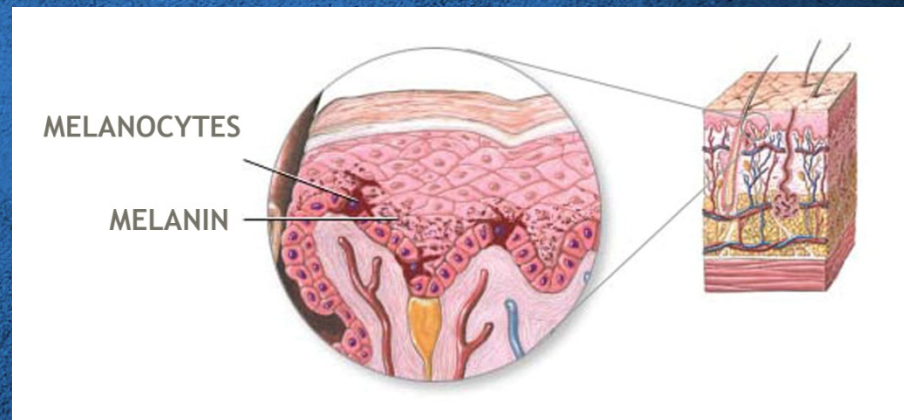


Acts 17:26-27

**#1 – God made every
nation of men from
ONE blood.**

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**Gen. 10:1 – All men and
women descend from Noah
and his wife.**



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**#2 – The big difference
in men is their ethnicity,
not their skin color.**



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“nation” = *ethnos* = manner

Ethnicity based on:

*Ancestry
Language
Society
Culture*



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Gen. 11:7-9
*God created ethnic
differences.*

Gen. 10:5, 20, 31
*Families (ancestry)
Languages
Nations (societies)
Land (culture)*

Acts 17:26-27

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The “stranger” in Israel:

*Lev. 24:22 – Leave ethnic
differences behind.*

Deut. 5:14 – Keep Sabbath

Lev. 17:10-15 – Purity laws

Lev. 20:2 – No idolatry

Num. 9:14 – Keep feast days

Lev. 24:16 – Same punishment

Acts 17:26-27

**#2 – The big difference
in men is their ethnicity,
not their skin color.**

Bringing people together:

**Ancestry – appreciate a person
for who he is, not where he
comes from.**

**Language – learn to talk to one
another.**

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#2 – The big difference in men is their ethnicity, not their skin color.

Bringing people together:

Society – see all of us, not as a collection of different people, but as one people.

Culture – agree to respect and abide by a common set of laws, and be equally fair in judgment.

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#3 – The greatest thing we have in common: A need to seek for and find God.

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**Bring people to Jesus:
*Simon the Zealot & Matthew the
tax collector.***

***Paul the persecutor and
Barnabas the sacrificer.***

***Onesimus and Philemon.
(Phlm. 15-16)***

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The Cross – God's reversal
of Babel (John 12:32). A
common spiritual ethnicity:

*Ancestry – God our Father
Language – Oracles of God
Society – The church
Culture – Holy as God is holy*