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Jesus Taught Us to Pray

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (RSV)



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why on earth is the church?

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3. 20x more segregated than nearby public schools



You're not crazy or alone.

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17 Therefore, if God gave them [Gentiles] the same gift as He also gave to us [Jews] after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

Acts 11:17 (NASB)

26 . . . and the disciples were first called Christians
in Antioch.

Acts 11:26b (NASB)

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:20a (NIV)

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3. Prescribed by Paul throughout his life and writings (Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, etc.)

The Mystery of Christ Revealed

⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:6 (NIV)

So That . . .

¹⁸ [we] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,

Ephesians 3:18-19a (NIV)

Therefore . . .

¹ ... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

⁵ [There is] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1a-2, 5-6 (NIV)

Church as Embassy

¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:10 (ESV)

Christians as Ambassadors

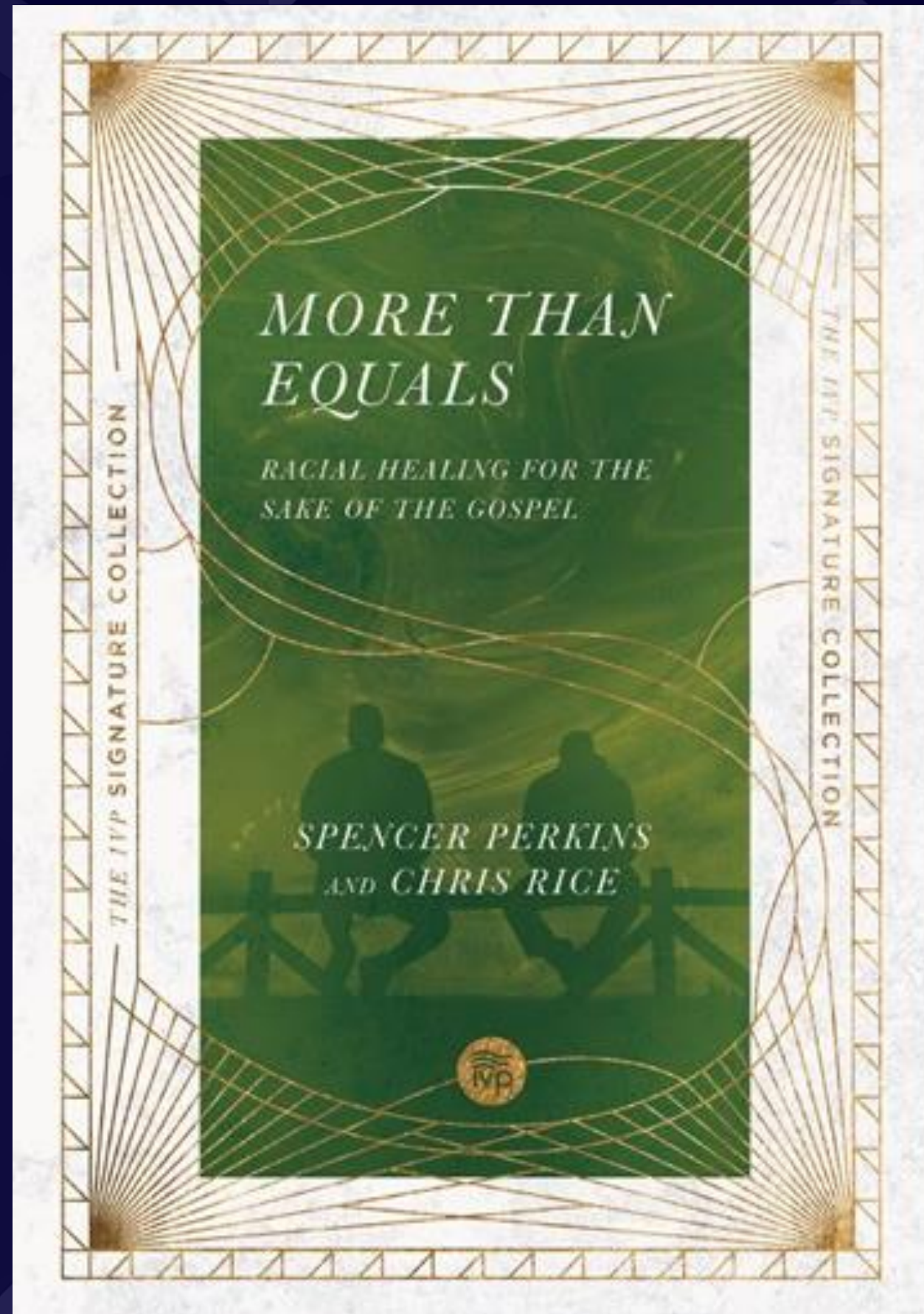
¹⁹ ... And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:19a-20b (ESV)

Identified with Christ

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)



“I have become convinced that God is not very interested in using the church to heal the race problem. I believe it is more true that God is using race to heal the church.”

Chris Rice (author)