



SOLVING THE RELATIONSHIP RUBIK'S CUBE

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3 Walls of hostility that block unity:

1. Hostility over religious beliefs.
2. Hostility over cultural and social differences.
3. Hostility over ethnic and racial diversity.

What can we do to break the walls of hostility and achieve color neutrality?

1

Recognize the sacrifice Jesus made to destroy racism and prejudice.

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Practical Steps:

- **Pray for God to change my heart and open my spiritual eyes.**

Psalms 51:10 (NLT)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me."

- **Confess any prejudice or racism and let it go.**

2 Chronicles 19:7 (NLT)

"Fear the LORD and judge with integrity, for the LORD our God does not tolerate perverted justice, partiality, or the taking of bribes."

2

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Ephesians 2:15-16 (NLT)

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Practical Steps:

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