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## Central Florida Pastor Releases Book that Offers Healing, Hope, and Racial Reconciliation

"When God looks at us, He doesn't see lots of different races. He sees one race-the human race, as it is in heaven."

If you ask Lead Pastor Ken Claytor, founder of Alive Church, what he thinks heaven looks like, he'll probably tell you it resembles his family and the congregations of the church he's built.

"In my book, *As It Is in Heaven*, I share how God sees us as a human race and the importance of aligning our hearts with His will, being the remedy for healing our racially divided nation," said Claytor.

Pre-orders for his much-anticipated book begin July 7th on his website: www.kenclaytor.com. His inaugural book will be available everywhere books are sold on Sunday, August 7th. To celebrate the release, book signings will be held at the Orlando campus of Alive Church on August 7, August 14, and August 28 with an additional book signing at the main campus in Gainesville on August 21. As It Is in Heaven will also be available as an e-book and an audio book. For the latest updates, follow Pastor Ken on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.

His iconic literary work, which stresses the importance of intentionality, has already received rave reviews from church leaders such as Phil Munsey, Chairman of the Champions Network of Churches of Lakewood Church/Joel Osteen Ministries, Shaun Nepstad, Lead Pastor of Fellowship Church, and Stephen Chandler of Union Church. It has also been endorsed by Christian Taylor, two-time Olympic Champion, Pastors Mike & Dee Dee Freeman, Founders of Spirit of Faith Christian Center, Randy Bezet, Lead Pastor of Bayside Community Church, and Travis Green six-time Grammy Nominated Worship Artist, to name a few.

Pastor Ken, a native of Beckley, West Virginia, believes a church that resembles heaven is filled with individuals who value diversity and who are united in their pursuit of Jesus. His literary work also includes a scientific perspective about how we're alike and even related. Claytor sums up our outer appearance as various "shades of dirt," which is produced by the amount of melanin in our skin. He proclaims there's only one race that matters– the *human race*.

"Just like we leave other things on the altar, hidden racism and prejudice must also be left on the altar," said Claytor. "The people of our land must be healed, then we'll experience the fullness of God's love throughout our nation."

He references Revelation 7:9 which he says gives us a glimpse of what heaven is like–A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

"I'm not saying it's going to be 100 percent accurate representation. After all, this side of eternity, God is building with imperfect pieces," Claytor said. "Resembling heaven isn't a one-and-done thing...It's more of an ongoing way of life that works out in just doing life together-hanging out, worshiping, studying the Bible, and serving the community."

For more information about the book release celebrations, upcoming book tours or to book Pastor Ken to begin the conversation about racism in your sphere of influence, visit: <u>www.kenclaytor.com</u> or call: 423.316.2036.

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