CLASS-Online

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**“We Shall Overcome, Racism and the Civil Rights Movement in America”**

 1. The Times They are a Changing, (Destruction of the Family 3/1)

 2. R E S P E C T, (Women’s Rights 3/8)

 3. We Shall Overcome, (Civil Rights and Racism 6/21)

 4. Highway to Hell, (Sex Drugs and Rock n Roll 6/28)

 5. Let it All Fall Down, (Political Corruption 7/5)

 6. Jesus is Just Alright with Me, (Jesus Movement and Progressive Christianity 7/12)

**I. The History of Slavery and Racism**

 Slavery of the Bible vs. Slavery of Colonial America

 Slavery Timeline 1619-1865

 Economic Advantages of Owning Slaves

 Most Presidents before the Civil War Owned Slaves

 The Declaration of Independence and Slavery

 Christian Leaders and the Church Divide over Slavery

 Supreme Court affirms Slavery, and War Comes to our Nation

**II. Separate but Equal: Segregation**

 After the Civil War the country found new amendments to the constitution

 Slavery was dead, but racism and discrimination continued on in America

 Plessey v. Ferguson (Separate but Equal Affirmed by the Supreme Court)

 Discrimination continued on in America in the form of segregation

 Jim Crow and Black Codes are used to perpetuate racism and segregation

 Brown vs. Topeka School Board 1954 (Separate but Equal struck down by Supreme Court)

**III. Michael (Martin Luther) King Junior, Pastor and Social Activist**

 Michael King, Jr. chooses ministry and changes his name to Martin Luther

 King finishes his PhD and is called to be a pastor in Montgomery, Alabama

 Emmett Till murder and Rosa Parks arrest motivate King to become a social activist

 King and Ralph Abernathy form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

 John and Bobby Kennedy help MLK get out of prison (before the Presidential election 1960)

 Billy Graham was an early supporter of MLK

 MLK staged a march in Washington DC, Aug. 1963 “I have a dream” (Nobel Peace Prize)

 Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed

 MLK championed non-violent protests, and the people sang, “We Shall Overcome”

 Malcom X chose Islam as his platform of protest. Black Nationalism used violence

 MLK opposed the Vietnam War and tried to rally all people around the problem of poverty

 While visiting the city of Memphis, MLK was assassinated on 4/4/68

**IV. Where Do We Go From Here?**

 Importance of television, people saw these events live in the quietness of their own homes

 We cannot deny our history, nor can we support it

 As Americans we should be sorrowful and deeply regret slavery and racism in our country

 We seek equal and full fellowship with all people groups within the church of Jesus Christ

 The church is the exclusive God-given vehicle for finding unity and peace in our world

**6/28 “Highway to Hell, Sex, Drugs, and Rock n Roll”**