**Statement of Faith**

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 On my police card, one we hand out to kids that is similar to a baseball card is a line that gives my statement of faith in a short statement. It says, “All men are created equal and deserve to be treated that way”. This is a secular version of a deeper Christian faith based statement.

 Each of us was created equally and in the image of God. “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27) This means to me that everybody, regardless of their race, is created in the image of my Creator. Therefore, if I scorn another based on their race, I scorn all of mankind and therefore, I scorn God. One must look beyond the outward differences and look within.

 Each of us are created uniquely for a purpose only God knows. The experiences we encounter in our life shapes us to serve that design. We do not know how the things we experience and go through will effect tomorrow. Going through the trials of life looking up toward God keeps us focused on Him and His plan for us rather than focusing on the way of the world. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

 If each of us is created to serve the unique need God placed us on this earth to fulfill, and all of us are created in the image of God, how can anyone justify racism? God created all of us to serve Him, each of us in our own unique way, with our specific strengths and our own distinctive style. Because of this, As Christians we should celebrate the diversity and differences that God created instead of looking at others with hatred and indifference.