



## “Social Justice and the Bible”

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Various scriptures

1. What is today’s Social Justice Movement about?

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3. Is today’s Social Justice the same as \_\_\_\_\_ justice?

**Psalm 89:14 NIV**

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.”

**Micah 6:8 NASB**

“He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?”

**James 2:1 -4 NIV**

“My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

4. Is \_\_\_\_\_ of resources biblical?

**Leviticus 19:9–10 NIV**

““ When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.”

**Acts 2:44–45 NIV**

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”

5. Is Christianity inherently a racist \_\_\_\_\_?

**Genesis 22:18 NIV**

“and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.””

**Leviticus 19:34 NIV**

“The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”



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### Galatians 3:28 NIV

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

### Revelation 7:9 NIV

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."

## 6. Are white people inherently \_\_\_\_\_?

### Deuteronomy 5:9 NIV

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,"

### Deuteronomy 24:16 NIV

"Parents are not to be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their parents; each will die for their own sin."

### Ezekiel 18:20 NIV

"The one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them."

### Big Idea:

Today's Social Justice Movement has \_\_\_\_\_ from its original roots, is \_\_\_\_\_ with the bible, and \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the injustices of our world.

### A Biblical Worldview:

- Only God is truly just, and is against injustice, racism and favoritism. Isa 30:18
- We all have sinned and will be held accountable for our own sins. Rom 3:23
- Gospel seeks to unify people in Christ from every background. Gal 3:28
- The real need of everyone is reconciliation with God through Christ. 2 Cor 5:16-19

### 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 NIV

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."



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