

Justice

Justice - 1. Being righteous; 2. Fairness; 3. The use of authority to uphold what is just.

Injustice - 1. Absence of justice; Violation of rights; Unfair.

I

We must follow after the truth.

Proverbs 3(3)

³ Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 3:3 | NASB

Isaiah 59(14)

¹⁴ Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands far away; For truth has stumbled in the street, And uprightness cannot enter. *Isaiah 59:14* | NASB

Our society is now valuing **Passion over Principles & Feelings over Facts.** |

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II

Accurate History informs of past truth, facts, & realities.

Many immigrants came to North America to escape tyranny & unjust practices in their homelands. In 1789 the US Constitution based on a Democracy not a Theocracy declared all men were created equal. Yet the "Christian founding fathers didn't deal with slavery for at least 20 yrs. Where was the church's voice?

Native Americans have had over **700** treaties broken by USA. Where was the church's voice?

The Abolitionist prevailed against the injustice of slavery to the extent that a Civil War had whites fighting whites, ending slavery, yet setting them free with very little **restitution**. (restoration & recompense). General Sherman in 1865 began to give freed slaves **40 acres & a mule**, but President Lincoln got killed, the new President, Andrew Johnson took the land away. Yet, the USA funded the Homestead & Land Grant programs.

For one hundred years blacks suffered under the terrorist acts of public lynching & Jim Crow segregation. The result was less than **5%** of blacks could actually vote before the voting rights act was passed in the "Land of Liberty & the home of the Brave" Yet in our US pledge of allegiance we end "with Liberty & justice for all." Doesn't all mean all?

III

Current Injustice issues in 2018

Affordable Housing Crisis

For every 100 extremely low-income households there are only **31** affordable housing units available nationwide. In Ohio there are only **42** affordable units available.

Child Poverty Rate

Our country's child-poverty rate is 25% and is the **highest** among developing nations! The SNAP program cost <2% of the Federal budget. We have > 45m low income people = 14%

Living Wage Rate

In 1968 the minimum wage rate covered about 90% of the poverty rate. Today it is approximately **60%**! Therefore, people have to take multiple jobs just make ends meet.

This creates the "Working Poor".

IV

A Community Focus not just an Individual Focus.

All the **nations** (People) will be gathered & measured or evaluated by **God's Word** not the US **Constitution**. God's values are not man's values.

Matthews 25(31-33);

V

Doing Justice is active & not just talking about justice issues!

Isaiah 42(1-4)

1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 "He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. 3 "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law." Isaiah 42:1-4 | NASB

Luke 7(29-30); Luke 3(8-14); Luke 16(14-17)

VI

Civil Rights Catalyst

A young black boy from Chicago visiting his Grandparents (Emmett Till) was lied on that caused him to be violently murdered in 1955. His Mother's desire for an open casket, led to Rosa Parks to sit down on the city bus in protest. That led to a young Baptist minister Martin Luther King, Jr to lead the Montgomery bus Boycott in 1956 that ran for 381 days.

MLK JR's death was 50 years ago & his life was celebrated earlier this month.

When MLK spoke on the Vietnam & the poor, he had the public disapproval rating (of 73%) was the same as George W. Bush. Blacks disapproved MLK's actions by 56%.

VII

Martin Luther King, Jr. quotes

"We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

"Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that."

"Hate cannot drive hatred, only love can do that."

Jesus & the Disciples doing miracles in the countryside would not have **changed** the world without the **crowds**.

The BREAD Nehemiah Action might be a 21st century version of a prayerful protest march.

Rhema Christian Center – "Skip Jones" Prophet – Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29, 2018