



Do Justice

“Uncomfortable Hope”

Ancient Social Media Advice

Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out – Proverbs 17:14



John 17:14

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.



John 17:15-19

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.



Early church:

- Strongly against abortion/infanticide
- Revolutionary about sex ethics
- Committed to the poor & marginalized
- Multi racial/multi ethnic
- Committed to forgiveness/turning the other cheek



#blacklivesmatter

- Three words about a people group?
- A Marxist organization?



Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.



Misunderstanding Human Nature

- Gender ideology places too much trust in personal definitions of identity.
- Marxism trusts human diligence apart from commensurate incentive
- Identity politics uses group classifications to distinguish between righteousness and sinner, rather than recognizing that sin flows through every human heart
- The proposal to defund the police assumes that human nature is such that humanity will thrive apart from authority.



John 8:44b

When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



Matthew 12:25

Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.”



Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



Path to Unity

Humility – pride

Gentleness – being mean, harshness

Patience – canceling people

Bearing with one another in love – bitterness, anger



Revelation 5:9-10

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

