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# To God Be the Glory

## Hymn 363



# Getting Used To The Family Of God

## Hymn 548



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# Call to Worship

*Psalm 119:25-32*

**Psalm 119:25-32** My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes! Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me. I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame! I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

# He Lives

## Hymn 299





# Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

[plbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:plbiblechurch@gmail.com)

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

# Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:  
Promise Land Bible Church  
PO Box 1437  
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Scratching people where they itch and addressing their ‘felt needs’ is a stratagem of the poor steward of the oracles of God. This was the recipe for success for the false prophets of the Old Testament.”*

**R. C. SPROUL**

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the center of the Bible.

**Today's Message**

**“It Is Time”**

**Scripture text: 1 Peter 4:12-19**

**1 Peter 4:14-19** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and **if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?** And **"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"**

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**“Social justice”** is a term often thrown around, but very rarely defined, explained or even clearly understood in daily discourse. Yet **a clear definition of this concept is necessary** because there is indeed a such thing as *social justice* - and then there is *justice*.

Contrary to popular delusion, there is a difference between the two, for if they were indeed one and the same, the term “justice” would be sufficient. **No qualifier or modifier would be necessary.**

But I've found that most often conflate these two concepts, which causes much confusion, contention and debate amongst Believers regarding our charge as Christians. One might argue that it's just semantics, but **I'd passionately beg to differ**. And I am sincerely alarmed when professed Christians not only claim "social justice" is what the Body of Christ is charged to pursue, but that they'd dare argue it's what Jesus preached or supported during His earthly ministry.

According to Merriam Webster, “**justice**” is the impartial administration and maintenance of what is just.

**It involves “righteousness” “equitableness” (fairness), “impartiality” and “moral rightness”.**

**We see *justice* demanded of God's people in Isaiah 1:17, Proverbs 31:8-9, Exodus 23:1-9, Leviticus 19:15, James 1:27 and elsewhere in the Scriptures.**

**Isaiah 1:16-17** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, **learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.**

**Proverb 31:8-9** Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, **judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.**

**Leviticus 19:15** "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but **in righteousness shall you judge** your neighbor.

Merriam Webster formally defines “**social justice**” as “a state or doctrine of [egalitarianism](#)” which is the notion that all social, economic and political “inequalities” **must be removed from society.**

## **Definition of *egalitarianism***

- 1 : a belief in human equality especially with respect to social, political, and economic affairs
- 2 : a social philosophy advocating the removal of inequalities among people

According to Dictionary.com, “**social justice**” is justice *in terms of* **the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges** within a society.

**THIS iteration of “justice” is NOT commanded in Scripture.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:9-10** It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

*Justice* pursues what is right according to an absolute,  
impartial standard.

*Social justice* pursues what is believed to be lacking  
for some based on what is believed to be possessed  
by others.

*Justice* is driven by what is morally acceptable, or  
what **God says is right.**

*Social justice* is driven by what is socially acceptable,  
or **what the people say is right.**

***Justice*** is objective.

***Social justice*** is subjective.

***Justice*** involves matters that can potentially impact anyone.

***Social justice*** involves matters that **are believed to only impact specific groups.**

So now, which type of *Justice* did our Lord and Savior pursue?

Posters being placed on poles in a wealthy suburb of Dallas, TX tell locals they must donate to the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement or suffer continued LOOTING of stores! Flat-out EXTORTION!

These posters were reported put up around the wealthy Dallas area neighborhood of [Highland Village in Denton County](#) in recent days, **and threaten residents with looting if they don't support the Black Lives Matter movement.** Highland Village police said they are aware of the flyers. Here's what they look like:

<https://haltturnerradioshow.com/index.php/en/news-page/news-nation/black-lives-matter-extortion-posters-pay-up-or-see-more-looting>

Removing this flier shows the type of person you are.

Hello Highland Village. These fliers are being posted in your area due to the socioeconomic status your town holds. The average household income for Highland Village is \$166,243.

If you want your luxury stores to stop being looted, then use your privilege and socioeconomic advantages to amplify and aid the voices of this movement.

#JusticeForGeorgeFloyd  
#BlackLivesMatter  
#NoJusticeNoPeace

DONATE TO ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN PETITIONS:



With these clarifications in mind, it is obvious that upholding justice most certainly IS the Church's charge. **Yet, here is why Jesus didn't pursue nor should the Church fight for "*social justice*".**

**Because "no one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4)**

From its formal definition, **it's clear that social justice deals with the affairs of *this* life.** Social, economic, and political matters are an ever-present reality of the human condition.

Whether real or perceived, assumed inequalities in **these areas are byproducts of sin** and **will never be remedied** as long as we dwell in a **fallen world populated by carnal men at enmity with God.**

**James 4:4-5** You adulterous people! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Therefore **whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

**2 Timothy 2:3-9** Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. **No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.** An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!**

There are professed Christians who erroneously argue that social justice was at the heart of Jesus's earthly ministry. Yet, Jesus repeatedly said He was about His Father's business.

**John 6:29** Jesus answered them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**"

His mission, to call sinners to repentance, is a spiritual one (***Luke 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.*** ),

and His Kingdom is not of *this* world (John 18:36).

The Jews thought Jesus came to overthrow the Roman government and re-establish Israel's earthly kingdom at that time. But that didn't happen.

They thought Jesus came to grant them earthly justice from their earthly oppressors. But **Jesus told them to “render unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar”** (Matthew 22:21).

Instead of charging His fellow Jews to #resist, march and protest, Jesus told them to pay their taxes. No worldly pursuit of “justice” they thought to ascribe to Jesus would stick. He instead corrected them about His mission and made His rounds **only speaking and doing the will of His Father.**

**Matthew 7:21-23** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And **then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'**

**Romans 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

And we, the Church, **are also charged to only speak and do the will of God.** There are detractors who undermine this charge - to preach the Gospel, to pray and to pursue righteousness through Christ - by characterizing it as apathy, “doing nothing” or insufficient. But those who know Christ and His Word are well aware **that the Gospel is the POWER of God,** and it that deals with the very source from which the issues of life spring: the hearts of men (Proverbs 4:23); that spiritual warfare is FAR from an apathetic feat (see 2 Corinthians 10); and that our good works in the world come as the FRUIT of our saving faith, not as a prerequisite for it (Ephesians 2:9).

Tony Evans, Joel Osteen, Kari Jobe, Paula White, and others join Blackout Tuesday in solidarity against injustice

Pastors and Christian entertainers took part in Blackout Tuesday, a movement to spread awareness, mourn and call for policy change in America following the death of George Floyd.

The movement was meant to encourage individuals, organizations and brands to only post messages on social media speaking out against racism toward black and brown people, and using a simple black background.

Black squares filled Facebook, Twitter and Instagram instead of the various posts that usually flood the web as a peaceful demonstration against injustice. The hashtags #BlackLivesMatter or #BlackoutTuesday accompanied the blackout photos from many people from across the world who posted content to help educate others on issues people of color face.

Over the last week, Demonstrators across the United States have taken to the streets to protest the death of Floyd, who died in the custody of Minneapolis police on Memorial Day.

<https://discerningtheendtimes.blogspot.com/2020/06/christian-leaders-unite-with-radical.html>

*Because we believe on Christ - because we are born again of the Holy Spirit, God works in us to will and to do for HIS good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). **Society doesn't guide our activities, the Holy Spirit does.** The Church is here to be salt and light that we point others to Jesus Christ. Our great commission is to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:16-20). We care for and extend compassion to those who suffer, but **we aren't here to eradicate suffering in the world.** Our ultimate battle is not against flesh and blood, but “**against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*”** (Ephesians 6:12).*



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ALL ARE WELCOME

THE REVEREND  
BISHOP FISHER, RECTOR

MRS. HILLEN HADGE

WILLIAM MORRIS

SAVANNAH PINDER

*“Please help me church. I can’t fight this fight alone. I am a flawed man. I am President, not Pastor. You know, and I know, **that a return to the Bible is the only hope for this nation.** I stand here in front of this dead-church, Bible in hand, and appeal to America’s pulpits to please rise from the dead and help me in this great battle to save Christian America. I can’t do it alone. **I need your help.** God needs you to rise to the occasion. The future of America rests in the hands of the men in God’s house, not the White House.”*

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“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing”.

“Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it”.

“The hottest fires of Hell are reserved for those who remain neutral in times of moral crisis”.

“The essence of tyranny is the enforcement of stupid laws”.

“All men have equal rights, but **not to equal things**”.

**Edmond Burke**



If I sit next to a madman as he drives a car into a group of innocent bystanders, I can't, as a Christian, simply wait for the catastrophe, then comfort the wounded and bury the dead. I must try to wrestle the steering wheel out of the hands of the driver.

— *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* —

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**“Silence in the face of evil, is evil itself”.**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**Philippians 1:27-30** Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, **I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents**. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but **of your salvation**, and that from God. For **it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged** in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**It is time ...**

**To examine ourselves**

**To get real with ourselves and with God**

**To count the cost, remembering, the choice you make can have eternal consequences.**

**To be about our Lord's business and prepare for His coming.**

**Act 4:26-30** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the **Lord and against his Anointed'**-- for truly in this city there were **gathered together against your holy servant Jesus**, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, **Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness**, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

# Let Us Break Bread

## Hymn 564



# Holy Communion



# **The Family of God**

**I'm so glad to be part of the family of God**

**I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by  
His blood**

**Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod**

**For I'm part of the family, the family of God.**