

Exposing Enemies Within the Church: A 7-Session Bible Study Series

Session 1: Social Justice Versus Biblical Justice, Part 1

AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY: CORE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND BIBLICAL JUSTICE

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Whereas the social justice movement emphasizes needs and calls for government redistribution of wealth and resources as a means of meeting those needs, and whereas it frames its recommendations in terms of emotions like compassion as well as an appeal to “justice”; its true goals actually are eliminating individual property rights and implementing socialism, an ideology that sets government up as god and that leads to misery, poverty, and death. Social justice is not about what people actually deserve, but about what the social justice narrative says they must have, based on the social justice movement’s assessment of who is oppressed and who are victims — regardless of these people’s actions or the specifics relevant to their situations.

BIBLICAL JUSTICE

By contrast, against the backdrop of the absolute and righteous standard of God’s moral law, biblical justice seeks to render objectively to every individual what he or she deserves for his or her actions — but not without also taking into account intentions, attitudes, and motives. Free enterprise, with its built-in elements of

- individual choice,
- personal responsibility,
- rewards for hard work, productivity, and innovation, and
- penalties for a lack thereof,

is a system that, overall, is consistent with the tenets of biblical justice.