

The Kingdom of God “Love and Justice Requirements”

In 2009 RCC held a Prophetic Conference called “Justice Judging the Nations” that lit a fire under RCC justice ministry.

I

The love of God is **personal** but never **private**. (+) The cross is vertical & horizontal.

There are “**me** & **Jesus’s** people” who say they love God but that is not **enough**.

1 John 4(12-14) ¹² No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

1 John 4(19-21) We love, because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

II

To attain Eternal life, it **requires** us to love and not just **believe**.

Luke 10(25-28) ²⁵ And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

Your neighbor could be someone you **don’t know** & maybe you **don’t like**. But we are required to love a person as God has loved us. [John 15(12)]

Luke 10(29-37) But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied and said, “A man (*Jewish*) was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. ³¹ “And by chance a priest was going down

on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² “Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ “But a Samaritan (Half Breed) who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion (pity, sorry for him), ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ “On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” ³⁷ And he said, “The one who showed mercy (pity) toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

Matthew 25(34-40). ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’ ³⁵ ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? ³⁸ ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.

The righteous didn’t see Jesus but they did show compassion & pity to the marginalized.

III

Doing Justice is **Love** in **action** and not just making **excuses.**

Luke 3(8-14) (John the Baptist) ⁸ “Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ “Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”¹⁰ And the crowds were questioning him, saying, “Then what shall we do?” ¹¹ And he would answer and say to them, “The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.” ¹² And some tax collectors (Roman Collaborators) also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than what you have been

ordered to.”¹⁴ Some soldiers (Extortionists) were questioning him, saying, “And what about us, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages.”

Luke 7(29-30)²⁹ When all the people and the tax collectors (Roman Collaborators) heard this, they acknowledged God’s justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.³⁰ But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose (counsel) for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

James1(22-24)²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

James 2(13)¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

IV

Justice involves **Restitution** (Compensation or Reparation). [Exodus 12(35-36)]

Leviticus 6(4-5)⁴ then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found,⁵ or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

2 Samuel 12(5-6)⁵ Then David’s anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die.”⁶ “He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion.”

Luke 19(2) (7-9)² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.⁷ When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”⁸ Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.”⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

V

Injustice Issues many times are “lack of love” issues.

DACA, DREAMERS, IMMIGRANTS & FOREIGNERS policies; UNJUSTIFIED INCARCERATION & SENTENCING behaviors; MASS SHOOTINGS & EXCESSIVE POLICE force; FATHERLESS & ORPHANS tragedies; HEALTH INSURANCE & TAXATION disparities; RACISM & SEXISM practices

Many Whites & Blacks have vastly Different Perspectives on racism.
Whites say it is just individual cases that have unfortunate results.
Blacks say it is systematic and has always been so for over 400 years.

Economic contrast the top 20% over the bottom 20%. Japan 4-1; France 7-1; **USA 11-1.**

In 1965 a top **CEO** Compensation was 40 times the average worker, now it's **350** times.

HOUSING EXCLUSIONS & AFFORDABILITY issues in Franklin County = F.C.

Over 50,000 low-income families spending > 50% of their paycheck on housing!
Only 25% of families eligible for rental assistance receive it.

In F.C. there were 18,441 eviction filings vs 12,000 in Cleveland & 22,000 in New York City.

A worker in F.C. needs to earn over \$19.80 per hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

VI

Justice Mandate is Love in action displayed throughout the Bible.

Genesis 18(19) For I (God) have chosen him (*Abraham*) so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

Deuteronomy 16(18-20) "You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall

pursue, that you may live and possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

What does **P.A.C.'s** do differently than bribery? These Political Action Committees (PAC) have tremendous funding and influence.

Acts 10(34-35) ³⁴ Opening his mouth, Peter said:“ I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. |

Amos 5(12) ¹² For I know your transgressions are many and your sins are great, You who distress the righteous and accept bribes And turn aside the poor in the gate.

Proverbs 14(12) ¹² There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. The bribes (PAC's) have blinded their eyes.

Titus 1(15) ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
Projections based.

Proverbs 19(17) ¹⁷ One who is gracious (has pity) to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed.

Proverbs 21(3) ³ To do righteousness and justice Is desired by the Lord more than sacrifice.

Proverbs 28(5) Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things.

Psalms 89(14) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness (*mercy*) and truth go before You.

Isaiah 42(1-4) ¹ “Behold, My Servant, (*Jesus Christ*) 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.”

Amos 5(21-24) "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. "Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. "But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Let us always remember doing justice is not **optional**.

Micah 6(8) 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?

Luke 4(18-19) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed,¹⁹ To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive hatred, only love can do that." MLKJR. [John 1(5)]

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