

November 12, 2017
Sermon Notes
Micah 6:6-8

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Psalms 89:14 ESV

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Proverbs 29:7 NIV

7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

Amos 5:21-25 ESV

21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 25 "Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?"

Isaiah 1:17 ESV

17 Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Ezekiel 16:48-49 ESV

48 As I live, declares the Lord God, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. 49 Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

James 1:27 ESV

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

God's way of promoting social justice in this present age is to increase the number of people who pursue justice and righteousness in their social relationships because they have received Christ by faith, and through the indwelling Holy Spirit have been "created anew in Christ Jesus for good works."

To paraphrase Micah:

"What does the Lord require of white evangelicals with respect to racial issues in the 21st century?"

Revelation 7:9 ESV

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Romans 12:15 ESV

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Thoughts about how to do justice with respect to racial issues:

1. Learn
2. Reach out
3. Speak up

Learn:

13th on Netflix

The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross

The Souls of Black Folk, W.E.B. Dubois

The Mis-Education of the Negro, Carter G. Woodson

The Fire Next Time, James Baldwin

Between the World & Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates