

#### APOLOGETIC FOR

# BIBLICAL JUSTICE

A BIBLICAL CASE AGAINST CRITICAL THEORY, INTERSECTIONALITY, TYRANNY, FEMINISM, ET AL





#### **GOD'S LAW HIS STANDARD**

**Question 6:** How can we glorify God?

#### **Question 7:** What does the Law of God require?

That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.

**Question 8: Ten Commandments?** 

# By loving Him and obeying His commands and law.

# What is the Law of God stated in the

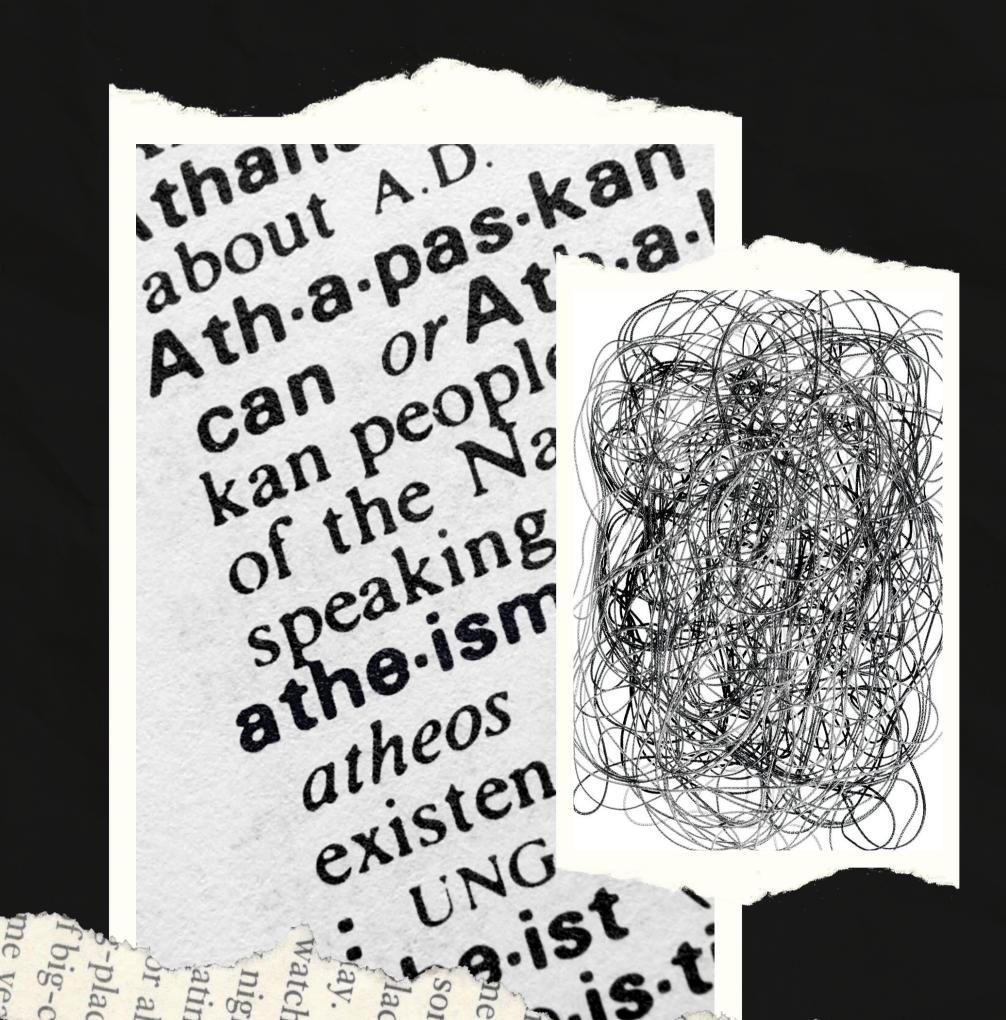


### **CRITICAL THEORY A MARXIST IDIOLOGY**

Critical Theory is not a tool for establishing justice. Its stated purpose is the destruction of cultural hegemony.

• Karl Marx and Hegelian Philosophy • Antonio Gramsci and the Frankfurt School • Cultural Marxism and Academia • Sexual Revolution and Critical Theory • "Social Justice" and "Systemic Racism"

**CRITICAL THEORY** ≠ **JUSTICE** 



# THE FUNDAMENTAL **PREMISE OF CRITICAL** THEORY IS THAT THERE **SNO OBJECTIVE TR NO OBJECTIVE**

#### **ASSOCIATED THINKERS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Karl Marx **Michael Foucault** Jacques Derrida Antonio Gramsci **Black Lives Matter** ANTIFA **United Nations** World Economic Forum



#### **TERMS OF "SOCIAL JUSTICE"**

- "Critical Theory" (Critical Race Theory, Critical Queer Theory, etc.) approach to social philosophy that presupposes every relationship is an oppressor/victim dynamic that must be identified and overthrown.
- "Woke": One who is awakened to "social justice"
- "Cultural Marxism": Marxist economic principles applied to culture.
- "Social Justice": presupposes that unequal outcomes are the result of oppression and that wealth, opportunities, and privileges must be redistributed to bring about "equality."
- "Equality": sees inequality of outcome as unjust, looks for equal outcome
- "Systemic Racism": presupposes systems of oppression regardless of individual prejudices.
- "Hegemony": the culturally dominant ideology or group
- "Micro-aggression": negative comments perceived to be rooted in latent prejudices (a clarifying question may be seen as a "micro-aggression")
- "Intersectionality": levels of oppression seen as compounded by multiple factors (gender, race, sexual orientation, etc.)
- "Whiteness": hegemonic oppression associated with but not limited to Caucasians (logic, justice, truth, math, and objectivity are seen as part of systemic oppression)





#### **CRITICAL THEORY PRESUPPOSES OPPRESSOR/OPPRESSED**

- "Social Justice" and CT presuppose Marxist/Keynesian materialism in which there is a finite number of resources ("zero sum" game) and that the only way for one person to have more is to take from someone else.
- Whereas Marx applied this atheistic, materialistic view to economics, Gramsci and the Frankfurt School (CT/SJ) applied it to "power."
- Thus, in CT/SJ if one person or group is doing better than another it is because they oppressed whomever has less.
- CT/SJ sees EVERY relationship with the lens of oppressor/oppressed and assumes that oppressors are ignorant to their biases. Thus, anyone who apprears to have less power, influence, money, etc. is oppressed. In this way, Feminism, LGBTQ+, BLM, etc. all leverage their "oppression" to rebell against "oppressors."
- CT/SJ makes no provision for reconciliation, only "overthrow."

**CT/SJ IS INHERRENTLY EVIL** 



#### CRITICAL THEORY INFILTRATING EVANGELICALISM

- The Southern Baptist Convention affirmed CT and intersectionality as an "analytical tools" (Resolution 9).
- David Platt and Matt Chandler have made comments that apply CT.
- Tim Keller has affirmed versions of Social Justice.
- Eric Mason's book "Woke Church" has achieved acolades form "evangelicals."



"...tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." -Ephesians 4:14

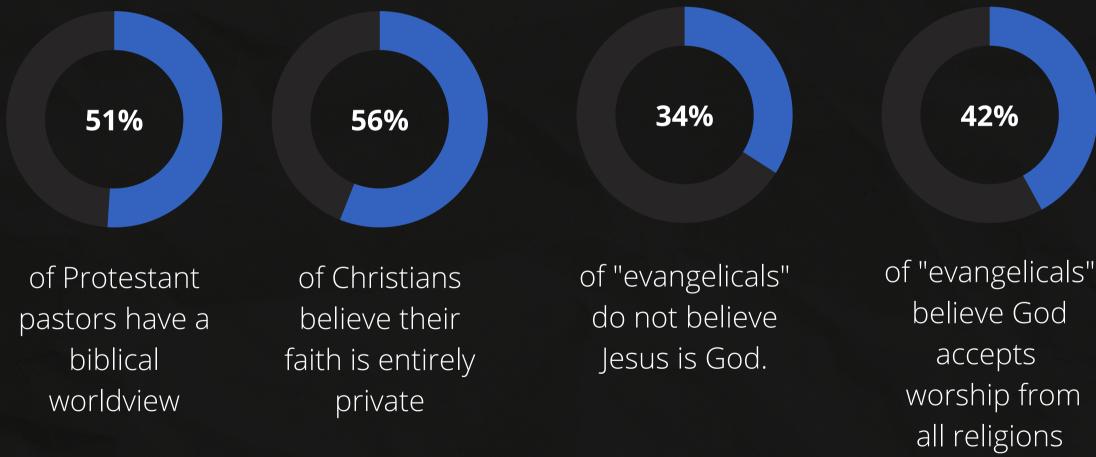


#### **CRITICAL THEORY** METHODS OF OVFRTHROW

- Education: The strategy of the **Frankfurt School was to infiltrate** the education system and teach **CT** as fact without debating its veracity.
- Disruption: Marxist ideologies seek to destroy "systems" of all kinds in order to overthrow "hegemony."
- Shame: Marxists seek to "cancel" leaders who do not support their ideological changes.

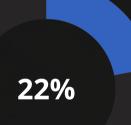


#### **STATISTICS ON BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**



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# A BIBLICAL APPROACH **TO JUSTICE** (AGAINST CRITICAL THEORY)

## UNDERSTANDING **BIBLICAL JUSTICE**

- (δικαιοσύνη) in the New Testament.

- All sin is "lawlessness" (1 John 3:4)

• "Justice" and "Righteousness" are the same term • Justice is an expression of God's righteousness. • God's Law is a comprehensive reflection of His nature in the form of commands that are both dictated in Scripture and built into the consciences of humans (Romans 2:12-16). • Scripture is God-breathed and thus inerrant. Further, it is sufficient to address all that it speaks to (2 Timothy 3:16-17). • God's Law is holy and revives the soul (Rom. 7:12, Ps. 19:7)



#### JUSTICE IS COMMANDED By god

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6:8

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. -Psalm 33:5

#### **TRUE JUSTICE IS ENFORCED BY GOD**

For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." -Heb. 10:30

24 Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent," will be cursed by peoples and denounced by nations. 25 But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come on them. -Prov. 24:24-25

I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is ma time for every matter and for every work. -Eccleseastes 3:17

## **JUSTICE IS DEFINED BY GOD HIMSELF**

**Righteousness and justice are** go before you.

## the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness

-Psalm 89:14

## MAN'S "JUSTICE" CAN BEUNRIGHTEOUS

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! -Isaiah 10:1-2

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## THE GOSPEL IS MEANT TO REVEAL **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS/JUSTICE**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." -Romans 1:16-17

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25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. -Romans 3:25-26

### LAW AND THE GOSPEL

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." -Romans 7:7

### **CHRISTIANS ARE COMMANDED TO PRAY FOR GOD'S WILL ON EARTH**

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: *"Our Father in heaven,* hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. -Matthew 6:9-10

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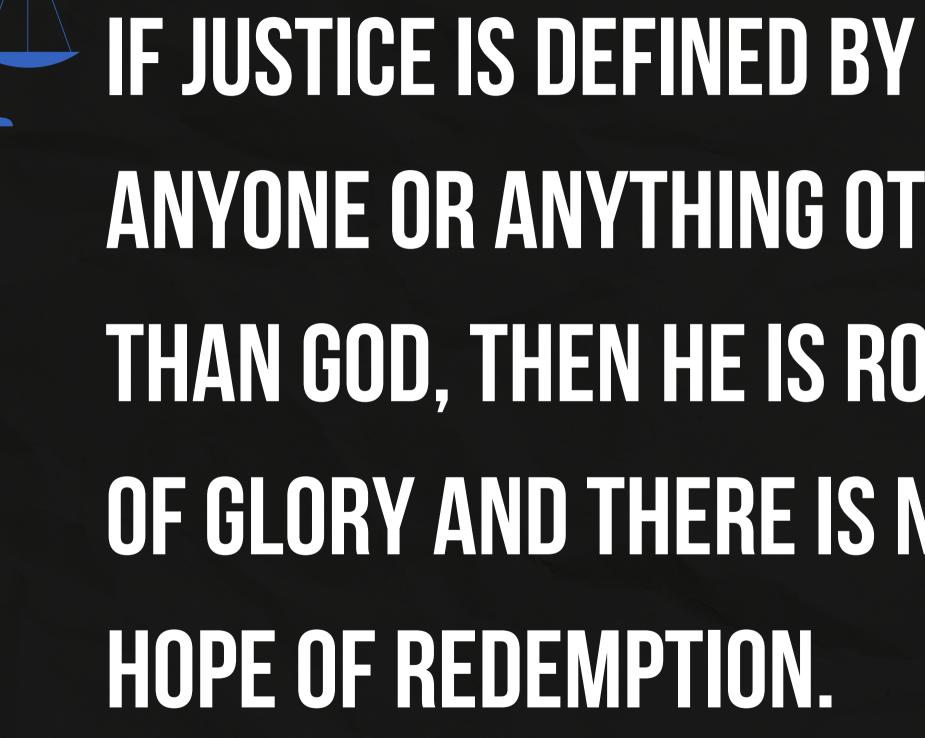
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# ANYONE OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN GOD, THEN HE IS ROBBED **OF GLORY AND THERE IS NO**

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Social Justice is relative, based on disparities, perceptions, and perceived oppression by the "hegemony."

Social Justice is rooted in human perception and identified by people through disparities between classes, not by any objective standard of truth.

Social Justice is subjective and applied through "mob rule" as the "oppressed" class rebels against the "hegemony."

Social Justice is founded upon partiality, perceiving some groups as "privileged" and others as "oppressed." Thus, one is judged in partiality based upon grouping.

Social Justice is temporal in view, focusing on "equality" (not wellbeing) in this life (no view of eternity).

No redemption.

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Biblical Justice is absolute, codified in Scripture and written in the conscience of man (Micah 6:8).

Biblical Justice is rooted in the nature of God. He is the source of justice and the giver of the law. He is "just and justifier" (Psalm 82:3-4, Psalm 89:14, Rom. 3:24-26).

Biblical Justice is objective and should be established through testimony and evidence (Deut. 17:6).

Biblical justice is impartial, focusing on the actions of the individual (Leviticus 19:5, Acts 10:34).

Biblical Justice is applied both temporally and eternally as God's justice is eternal (Psalm 119:142).

Perfect redemption (1 Peter 1:18-19).

#### **BIBLICAL JUSTICE**

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I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

EPHESIANS 4:1-8



#### RESPONDING TO "SOCIAL JUSTICE": Speak the truth in love

EPH. 4:1-8

- Walk worthy of your calling (Bear the fruits of the Spirit)
- Remember that we are unified in the faith (One body, one Spirit, one baptism, one faith, one hope, one God and Father over all)
- God has gifted us with grace for the building up and unity of the Body.

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11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

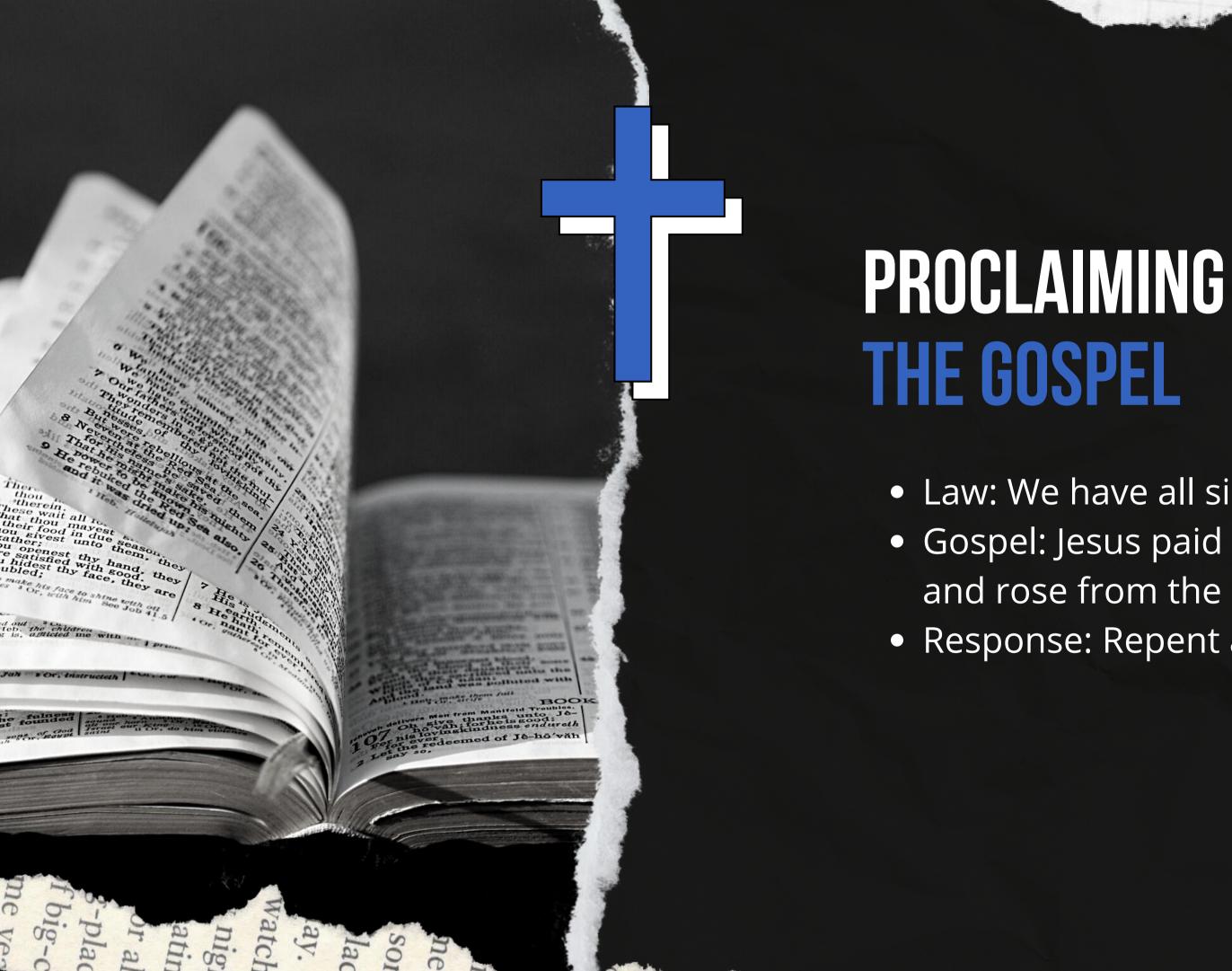
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#### RESPONDING TO "SOCIAL JUSTICE": Speak the truth in love

- Remember that ministers exist to equip you for ministry to build up the Body of Christ.
- The ultimate goal is maturity and unity in Christ.
- The effect of maturity and unity is that we are no longer "tossed about" by false doctrine from men.

#### EPH. 4:11-16

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• Law: We have all sinned (Rom. 3:23) • Gospel: Jesus paid our sin debt (Rom. 6:23) and rose from the dead (1Cor. 15). • Response: Repent and Believe (Rom. 10:9-10)

#### STEPS TO UNIFY THE BODY OF CHRIST

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#### HELPFUL RESOURCES TO RESPOND AGAINST CRITICAL THEORY