

# DISMANTLING WOKENESS

## INTRODUCTION

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- As we stated last week, it is possible for Christians to be compassionate people without adopting the woke agenda
- Some within the church have stated that wokeness, social justice, CRT, and intersectionality are merely “analytical tools” to be used alongside biblical Christianity for the purpose of understanding cultural-sociological issues
- But these are more than simply tools that are subservient to biblical Christianity; rather, they emerge from a secular worldview and are rooted in ideologies that are incompatible with Christianity
- At the core of wokeness are secular and worldly philosophies
- And Scripture describes how we are to approach such godless ideologies
- On the one hand, we are commanded to not be taken captive by ungodly ideologies...

**Colossians 2:8** ~ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

- On the other hand, we are commanded to take every thought captive in obedience to Christ...

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6** ~ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

- Satan uses lies and worldly philosophies to erect formidable “fortresses” (v. 4) which serve as citadels of his false ideologies
- Paul refers to such false beliefs as “speculation” (v. 5 - *logismos*)
- They are any idea, theory, viewpoint, religion, concept, lie, or anything else that is raised up against the knowledge of God
- They are godless ideologies which take men captive...this is how Satan wages war in this world...he attacks the mind...he works through worldly philosophies that capture people
- “Doomed souls are inside their fortresses of ideas, which become their prisons and eventually their tombs –unless they are delivered from them by belief in the truth...Like Paul, before salvation, all unbelievers have a fortress in which they attempt to hide from the true knowledge of God. Those fortresses take endless forms in philosophy, psychology, world religions, cults, apostate forms of Christianity, or evolutionary naturalism...This and all the other deceptive and deadly ideologies must be destroyed and the incarcerated sinners rescued.”<sup>1</sup>
- These false ways of thinking cannot be addressed with human weapons...fleshly weapons are useless in that kind of combat
- The spiritual strongholds manned by the forces of hell can be demolished only by the “knowledge of God” (v. 5) contained in the Word of God
- Only the truth of God’s Word can defeat Satanic falsehoods because the only thing that displaces error is truth

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<sup>1</sup> John MacArthur, *2 Corinthians*, 329-330.

- Thus, the only way to avoid being “taken captive” by godless philosophies is to “take every thought captive” to the Word of God
- “This means that we must practice cultural deconstruction, analyzing and critiquing an unbiblical system, in order to do Gospel reconstruction, such that we think all our thoughts according to biblical teaching and the contours of sound doctrinal reasoning, not worldly arguments or worldviews.”<sup>2</sup>

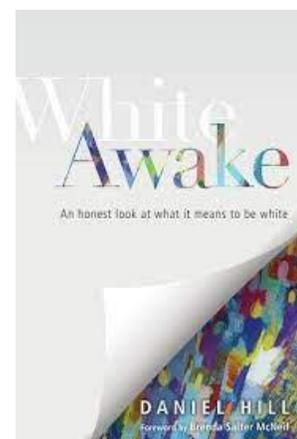
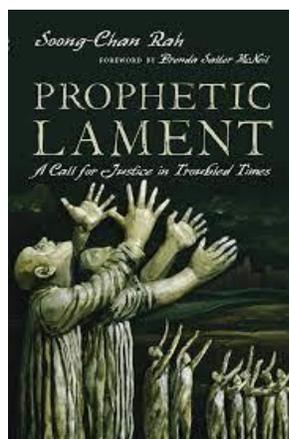
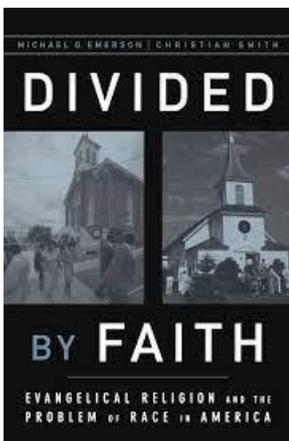
## HOW WOKENESS HAS MADE INROADS INTO THE CHURCH

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### Proponents Within the Church

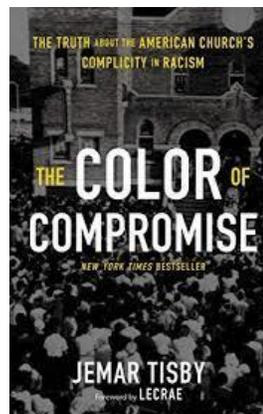
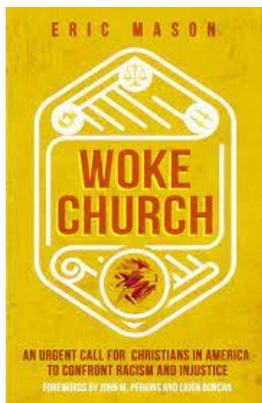
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- Sadly, not only has the American church not avoided the woke agenda, in many ways it has wholeheartedly embraced it
- CRT, wokeness, and intersectionality are advancing in a major way in the church as evidenced by the following ideas being promoted within Christian circles:
  - Evangelicals are hearing that they are “white supremacists” by nature
  - Christians are being called to “repent” for their “whiteness” and reject their inherent “white fragility”
  - Christians are told that they are complicit in the racist sins of their forebears
  - Christians are urged to read complex realities and events in mono-causal terms, with racism as the cause (e. g., poverty, crime rates, shootings, educational disparities)
  - Christians are encouraged to align with Black Lives Matter, an organization with a polar-opposite worldview on matters of the natural family, the sexes, and human sexuality
  - Christians are told to see “capitalism” as oppressive, unfair, and unjust, with socialism of various kinds as the preferable system
  - Christians are told that “white interpretation” has held the church captive to a white agenda for too long, necessitating scholarship and research rooted in standpoint epistemology
  - Christians are urged to support “reparations” and distributive justice (over against retributive justice)
  - Christians hear that they should support cultural relativism and that making judgments (along moral and other lines) about cultural practices is wrong
  - Christians are directed to add their voice to “defund the police”<sup>3</sup>
- These godless ideologies have made real inroads into the church particularly through five influential woke Christian books



<sup>2</sup> Owen Strachan, *Christianity and Wokeness: How the Social Justice Movement is Hijacking the Gospel – and the Way to Stop It*, 52.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 34.



- The inroads of wokeism are evident in the fact that *The Gospel Coalition*, traditionally a defender of the true Gospel and orthodox Christianity, has been moving more and more into the woke stream of evangelicalism
- Similarly, the popular *Together for the Gospel* conference, which was originally founded to bring Christians together around a shared commitment to the foundational doctrines of the gospel, has been on a woke trajectory for the last few years
- In 2019, the largest Protestant denomination in the US (Southern Baptist Convention) adopted Resolution 9 at their annual convention:

RESOLVED, That critical race theory and intersectionality should only be employed as analytical tools subordinate to Scripture—not as transcendent ideological frameworks; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the gospel of Jesus Christ alone grants the power to change people and society because “he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6); and be it further

RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists will carefully analyze how the information gleaned from these tools are employed to address social dynamics

- It is particularly disappointing to see doctrines borrowed from wokeism infect the church and spread so quickly
- Christians are being told that they will never be able to fulfill the command to love their neighbors until they learn the lessons and language taught by this set of “analytical tools” that explain how race functions in society
- Many traditionally orthodox Christian leaders and ministries have insisted that these philosophies are indispensable tools

## Various Responses to Wokeness Amongst Christians

- As believers wrestle through how to deal with these ideologies, four categories have emerged:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Non-Woke – those who understand the fallacies of these frameworks and have rejected them entirely, choosing rather to stand solely upon the sufficient and infallibility of the Word of God
  2. Confused and Undecided – those who despise racism but don’t have the time or bandwidth to investigate wokeness and CRT in depth; thus, although they are uneasy about it, they don’t know how to respond

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/thoughtlife/2020/10/what-does-it-mean-to-be-woke-and-how-does-church-discipline-apply/>

3. Engaged Yet Cautious Pro-Woke – those who are rightly concerned about racism and want (correctly) to see it dealt with and so, even though they haven't immersed themselves into these ideologies, they view them as a means of solving the injustices seen in systemic racism and societal oppression
  4. Convinced and Committed Pro-Woke – those who have fully adopted the woke/CRT agenda and actively promote it by encouraging fellow Christians to become woke
- When responding to this issue, it is important to understand which category a Christian fits in and what each category needs in order to deal with this issue biblically

## A BIBLICAL CRITIQUE OF WOKENESS

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### It Promotes a Wrong View of Man (Anthropology)

- Wokeism establishes human identity in ideas other than being created in the image of God
 

**Genesis 1:26-27** ~ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- The *imago Dei* is the basis for the anthropological unity of the human race
- Although the fall marred the image of God in man, we are all human and thus all very much alike because every person bears that identity
- Regardless of what we look like, our backgrounds, our intelligence, or our experiences, we are all image-bearers
- Rather than being primarily disunited, this results in humans being fundamentally united as one human race
- "As humans, we are not fundamentally different but fundamentally alike. We are one human race, not many different 'races.' The very concept of race, in fact, is man-made. While it is true that there are certain differences between people groups (physiologically, for example), we have no biblical grounds for splicing humanity up into many 'races.' "...Yes, there are distinct ethnicities and people groups recognized in the Bible...But ethnicity does not cancel out our shared anthropology. Ethnicity deepens our vision of oneness in Adam – we are unified, but distinctly and wonderfully made."<sup>5</sup>
- For believers, this anthropological unity is even greater as a result of our common relationship in Christ which not only puts us in union with Him, but union with each other
 

**Ephesians 2:13-16, 19** ~ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity...19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household
- Thus, we are not made to hate one another but rather to come together
- However, despite this unity that characterizes all people (and particularly believers), the woke agenda aims to destroy this constituent identity by looking at everyone through the lens of power dynamics (i.e. either oppressor or oppressed)

<sup>5</sup> Strachan, *Christianity and Wokeness*, 60.

- “Wokeness denies all this. It fundamentally emphasizes not human oneness, but human diversity – and diversity without any meaningful hope of unity. Though many work thinkers know there is no proof of ‘race,’ they use ‘strategic essentialism’ to advance the interests of minority groups. This means that though ‘race’ is a fiction, woke leaders act as if it is real.”<sup>6</sup>

### **It Promotes a Wrong View of Sin (Hamartiology)**

- As defined by the Bible, sin is a dethronement of God and a deification of self...which results in a violation of God’s moral law:
  - *hamartia* = missing the mark...sin misses the mark of God’s righteous standard
  - *paraptoma* = trespass...the sin of sin of violating God’s standard
  - *parabasis* = stepping across the line...going beyond the limits prescribed by God
  - *anomia* = lawlessness...direct and open rebellion against God and His ways
  - *opheilema* = moral and spiritual debts

**1 John 3:4** ~ Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

**1 John 5:17** ~ All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

- However, this is not how wokeness defines sin...it teaches that white people are oppressors and their primary sin is racism
- This “sin” is expressed in two different ways:
  - 1) By Nature – oppressors are inherently racist due to whiteness which puts them in a category of privilege over non-white individuals. In other words, to be born white in America is to be automatically complicit in maintaining and promoting the ideology of white supremacy.
  - 2) In Action – the woke agenda assumes that a white, heterosexual, cis-gendered male is the greatest of sinners, thus making his actions most sinful
- In wokeness, the guilty party is the one who promotes and benefits from “whiteness”
- Thus, whiteness and the racist actions inherently associated with it are the sins requiring repentance
- The clear problem with this definition of sin is that there is no such thing as “whiteness” or “blackness”
- While it is true that there are variations between people groups, there is no biblical basis for the category of “race”
- While the sins of “white supremacy,” “ethnocentrism,” and “racism” must be repented of, it is wrong to convict all “white” people of sinning simply because they have less melanin in their skin
- “The CRT diagnosis is a radical reframing of man’s chief problem. It changes our fundamental condition from one of individually willed sin to one of inherently racist ‘whiteness,’ which makes horizontal transgression against men of greater import than vertical transgression of God.”<sup>7</sup>
- Thus, wokeness completely redefines the definition of “sin” by assuming that one’s skin color and heritage are inherently sinful
- In doing so, wokeness fails to recognize that all human beings have the same problem (sin)

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., 60.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., 62.

## It Promotes a Wrong View of Salvation (Soteriology)

- Because wokeness gets the view of man and sin wrong, it necessarily gets the Gospel wrong in that it teaches a separate salvation for the oppressor and oppressed:
  - 1) Salvation for the Oppressors – They need salvation from their sin of racism inherent in their whiteness, their white privilege, and the racist actions that spring from such a heart
  - 2) Salvation for the Oppressed – They need salvation-rescue from the sociological ills and oppression which they are victims of
- As is obvious, “the CRT/I gospel becomes one, not of salvation from the wrath of God and the presence and power of sin, but from the oppression/oppressor categories. Consequently, CRT/I becomes a different gospel than that of the substitutionary atoning work of Jesus Christ (cf. [Gal. 1:6-9](#)).”<sup>8</sup>
- Furthermore, this is a hopeless gospel because salvation for those in the oppressor category is nearly impossible since no one can work themselves out of their whiteness
- This gospel provides no substitute by which the stain of whiteness can be permanently cleansed (like what Christ does for believers in the true Gospel by granting them His righteousness and making them new creations in Him)

## How to Pursue Racial Justice & Unity CRITICAL RACE THEORY V. THE GOSPEL

	Critical Race Theory	The Gospel
<b>In a Nutshell:</b>	A view that examines society through the lens of power, dividing people into oppressed and oppressor groups	The good news that Jesus, through His death, burial, and resurrection, offers hope and life to lost sinners.
<b>Core Problem:</b>	Whiteness; systems that oppress people of color	Sin; man's rejection of God's good rule
<b>The Solution:</b>	Become woke, do the work, be anti-racist	Jesus, repent of sin, allow the Spirit to change us
<b>The Goal:</b>	Utopia, everything being equitable. (We can accomplish this by our own efforts.)	Unity with God and each other through Jesus. (Utopia comes when King Jesus reigns.)
<b>Our Identity:</b>	Either oppressed or oppressor based on skin color	God's creation, loved by Him; as Christians, brothers & sisters in Christ
<b>Truth &amp; Morality:</b>	The claim or assertions of oppressed people should be accepted without question	God determines what is right, and His Word is the ultimate truth.
<b>Racism Is:</b>	Racial prejudice plus institutional power	The sin of partiality revealed as racial prejudice
<b>Who Can Be Racist:</b>	White people because only they have power	Anyone because sin can arise in all of our hearts
<b>Primary Emotions:</b>	Guilt, anger	Sorrow and repentance leading to love, joy, and peace
<b>The Path to Unity:</b>	Overturn unjust systems; build collective power	God makes us one with Him and unifies us to each other as we yield to His sanctifying work in our hearts.

## It Promotes a Wrong View of the Church (Ecclesiology)

- No one would disagree that individual believers should be compassionate toward oppressed people
- But disagreement abounds when the discussion turns to how the corporate church should engage this issue
- It is argued by many today that churches must take up the woke mantle by making it the corporate business of the church
- It is argued that racial reconciliation must be a formal focus of the church by getting involved corporately in political activism, protests, lobbying for new laws, etc.
- On the one hand, it is appropriate for Christians to do what they can to encourage the making and enforcing of laws which protect oppressed people groups (victims of abortion, racism, sex trafficking, etc.)
- On the other hand, we must not forget the core mission of the church as described in the New Testament:
  - 1) Exalt God

<sup>8</sup> <https://thecripplegate.com/americas-newest-religion/>

**Psalm 95:6** ~ Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

## 2) Equip the Saints

**Ephesians 4:12** ~ for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ

## 3) Edify One Another

**Romans 14:19** ~ So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

## 4) Evangelize the Lost

**Matthew 28:19** ~ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

- These are the primary mandates of the church and the apostles recognized these priorities:

**Acts 6:4** ~ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word

- Fighting oppression, abortion, racism, sex trafficking are not unimportant issues but they are secondary
- Adopting the woke agenda causes the church to lose its focus and leads to mission drift
- Furthermore, because of Christian compassion, it is easy to drift from biblical reasons for alleviating human suffering to cultural reasons
- We may agree with the culture that human suffering needs to end, but we can easily begin to take up the culture's mantle of fighting oppression rather than staying firmly anchored in biblical reasons
- "Anybody, any group, can put new clothes on a man. Only the gospel can put a new man in clothes. As important as these matters are, we must make sure we keep the main thing the main thing – the gospel of grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, the authority of the Word of God, and the call for humble obedience – even in the face of ethnic and cultural differences and problems."<sup>9</sup>

## It Promotes a Wrong View of Holiness (Sanctification)

- Prior to coming to Christ, we hated God and one another; now, in Christ, we love God and love others
- Relationships are no longer marked by hatred, discord, and anger but by love, patience, and compassion

**Matthew 22:37-40** ~ And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 'This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 'The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 'On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

- However, wokeness ensnares people in cycles of anger and hatred
- Because all white people are declared guilty of racism, wokeness produces all sorts of rage, resentment, and hostility which result not in loving relationships but divisive ones

## It Promotes a Wrong View of the Sexes (Complementarianism)

- God has graciously established an order in His creation as it relates to gender and the roles of men and women in the home and the church

<sup>9</sup> H.B. Charles, "The Biblical Strategy for Racial Unity" in *A Biblical Answer for Racial Unity*, 2017, 24.

**Genesis 1:27** ~ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**1 Corinthians 11:3** ~ But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

**Ephesians 5:22-25** ~ Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**1 Timothy 2:12** ~ But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

- However, wokeness denies the goodness of God’s design and assumes that any hierarchy is evil
- Binary sexes are also rejected
- “Wokeness is not friendly to biblical complementarity. Wokeness reads differences as discrimination, traditional sexual distinctiveness as a hostile reality, and hierarchy of any kind as evil abuse... There is no divine design in wokeness; there is only one’s personal identity, following one’s own heart, and expecting others to affirm one’s chosen path. This is what love is in wokeness: not transformation, but affirmation.”<sup>10</sup>
- Perhaps this is most evident in the originally-stated aims of the *Black Lives Matter* organization
  - “We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead. We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.”<sup>11</sup>
  - “We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).”<sup>12</sup>
  - “We make our spaces family-friendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children. We dismantle the patriarchal practice that requires mothers to work ‘double shifts’ so that they can mother in private even as they participate in public justice work. We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and ‘villages’ that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.”<sup>13</sup>

## IF NOT WOKENESS, WHAT IS THE CURE FOR RACIAL TENSIONS?

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### A Robust Proclamation of the Gospel Which Destroys the Racial Divide

- Jesus died to save people from every ethnic group
- His death was not specifically for a certain ethnic group nor did it purposefully exclude certain nationalities

**Revelation 5:9** ~ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

**Revelation 7:9** ~ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes...

<sup>10</sup> Strachan, *Wokeness and Christianity*, 73-74.

<sup>11</sup> <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

- As a result, Christ came to destroy all forms of the sin of racism:

**Galatians 3:28** ~ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 2:13-14** ~ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

**Colossians 3:10-11** ~ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him – 11 a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

- The resulting body of Christ is a “new man,” an entirely new body which transcends any racial barrier
- Those who belong to Christ are not spiritually distinct from one another anymore, but fully equal
- Thus, the Gospel must be preached with clarity and conviction, without shame

### **Believers Who Live as Salt and Light**

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- It is not wrong at all for believers to use the privileges granted to them to promote morality and decency in the public arena
- In fact, this is a privilege given us in our society...we can vote, work for the making and enacting of laws that protect oppressed people groups, etc.
- But our greatest impact will not come by merely laboring for social change or behavior modification
- We must bring the light of the truth to bear in a world blinded by sin
- We do this by living godly lives and sharing Christ with individuals in our sphere

**Matthew 5:13-16** ~ You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

- Being “salt” and “light” is not a reference to political, social, or moral influence
- Rather, it is a direct reference to believers speaking and living the Word of God, the light of Christ

### **A Willingness to Follow Christ’s Example in Suffering**

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- Those who are oppressed have the greatest opportunity for real Gospel witness when they respond to oppression by following the example given by Christ in His oppression

**1 Peter 2:21-23** ~ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

- When oppressed people groups respond with forgiveness, kindness, and love, they become attractive Gospel lights
- It is this same principle which has led to many martyrs for the cause of Christ, martyrs whose Gospel witness has become known throughout the world and has led to the salvation of many

## **An Anticipation of the Future Hope of Perfect Justice**

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- We should never expect to set up a utopian society, free from all injustices on this side of eternity
- We can strive for equal justice under the law of the land...we can ask our representatives to uphold the American ideals that have made us one of the most just nations in history
- But we will never have equal outcomes in a fallen society
- Thus, our ultimate hope is found in looking forward to the return of Christ and the establishment of His earthly kingdom
- Then, and only then, will this world know perfect justice

**Isaiah 9:7** ~ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

**Isaiah 11:3-4** ~ And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

**Isaiah 16:5** ~ A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And be prompt in righteousness.

**Jeremiah 23:5** ~ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

- “To point to the future hope of perfect justice is not a trite way of dismissing current issues. This is what the prophets did without fail, and yet they never minimized their own suffering (Lam 3). To admit that we ourselves cannot accomplish perfect justice by human means is not to excuse or ignore the sins that confront us in this fallen world. Rather, it is to increase our longing for *another* world. The Christian’s hope is a Messianic hope, an eschatological hope, a future hope ([Rom 8:24-25](#)).”<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> <https://thecripplegate.com/a-compassionate-counter-cultural-christian-response/>