

## “SOCIAL JUSTICE’ & THE GOSPEL”

Friendship with the world is enmity with God: Lu. 6:26; Jn. 15:19; 17:14; Ja. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15-17 cf. Isa. 30:10; Jer. 5:31.

### 1. Defining Terms & Intent

- a. “Social Justice” (SJ) is about societal “equality” and assumes innate racism in white skinned people. The last two Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) presidents and two current SB college presidents (J. D. Greear, Ed Litton, Albert Mohler, and Danny Akin), and other administrators and associates such as Russell Moore and Beth Moore have affirmed this as well as call for whites to apologize for their collective guilt. Some of these have even supported walking with BLM and voting for candidates who promote abortions and stifle freedom of speech and religions just because they are about racial “equality.”
- b. But is it really equality if a minority gets the job when one of an ethnic majority is better qualified? It’s not about equal opportunity but unequal outcome! I don’t care what gender, ethnicity, religion, or politics my surgeon has, only his/her medical and surgical qualifications.
- c. BTW, BLM, CRT, and SJ are grounding on the principles of Marxism!
- d. Critical Race Theory (CRT) demands the following acknowledgments:
  - i. Racism is normative for whites, privileged, and oppressors.
  - ii. Race is a social construct created to allocate privilege.
  - iii. Whites maintain dominance via maintaining privilege
  - iv. There is a failure to recognize said racism and thus minorities are oppressed.
  - v. Only the oppressed minorities and victims have the appropriate perspective and thus must be acknowledged and believed.
  - vi. Special Knowledge is possessed by “victims.” This is neo-Gnosticism. Because minorities/victims have an experience, it cannot be challenged. Once one challenges with logic, reason, science (e.g. gender is determined by feeling not biology), evidence, or facts; it can’t compete with emotional perspective of victimhood. They must be believed (Me Too movement). [The SBC’s law firm left them because of their Me Too policy of declining the client/counsel privacy prerogative which is necessary for a feasible defense. Instead, the SBC just affirms the alleged victim which leaves no room for the accused to have means of a proper defense.] Nevertheless, I’ve seen the accused vindicated (e.g. Herman Cain, Brett Kavanaugh, certain police officers, etc.) yet after the evidence came in, there was no remorse nor apologies from those who vilified them! Not very Christ-like.
  - vii. History thus must be reinterpreted so as to convey said perspective e.g. because the United States of America was conceived in racism. This excuses and promotes such tearing down of statues, vilifying slave owners and Founding Fathers, and rioting and destroying buildings.
- e. Many blatant hypocrisies must be endured, however, to maintain these presupposed acknowledgments of CRT which is the choice weapon of social justice warriors (SJW). E.g. the ‘special knowledge’ of CRT only applies to those minorities of color who also push the narrative. Conservative minorities such as Clarence Thomas, Candice Owens, Thomas Sowell, Ben Carson, Dr. Carol M. Swain, and Herman Cain, among other conservative black men and women who were able to achieve great financial, social, political, success are ostracized by the SJW. Their stories of achievements are not allowed because they are counter to the CRT narrative.

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- f. In fact, when Dr. Carol Swain attempted to address the SBC via proper protocols, the woke Baptist administration stopped her. In her own words, “The SBC’s leadership were more interested in public perception and potentially negative media coverage than they were in allowing people like me to speak about CRT. Parliamentarian procedures and speaker discretion shutdown debate. I never had an opportunity to speak.”
  - g. Furthermore, some of these condemned slave owners who grappled with the issue and many of whom we have honored with statues etc. actually made the real sacrifices of freeing their slaves rather than superficial sacrifices of apologizing for privilege so as to escape the iron boot of SJW.
  - h. We need not apologize for those such as former slave traders and social leaders who once owned slaves but then lead the movement to abolish the slave trade and slavery proper. Men such as John Newton who wrote “Amazing Grace” (are we going to cancel that hymn now?) and men like Thomas Jefferson who mostly penned our Declaration of Independence and contribute to our Constitution?
  - i. Nor do we need to apologize as white Christians and citizens for being white, oppressive, and privileged. Not a single person in history need apologize for his/her skin color, parents, or sins of parents – much less great great great grandparents’ sins.
  - j. The SJ ‘gospel’ is actually not one of equality (although it employs the terms e.g. “racial equality,” “marriage equality,” “gender” or “reproductive” equality). It is a materialist gospel of redistribution w/o accountability, vilifying w/ prejudice, cancellation w/o argument, identity politics w/ divineness, and class warfare assuming there are only two groups of citizens viz. the oppressors and the oppressed. Therefore, a poor homeless white man is innately an oppressor yet a black billionaire is oppressed simply due to the melanin in each one’s skin. Can anyone really believe that an oppressed black man can be a celebrated, rich, approved, and honored soul? Or, that a homeless white man is an oppressor and thus threat to society? After all, what can one redistribute from the homeless white man?
  - k. It is not ‘hate speech’ to report context, evidence, and facts no matter how unpleasant they seem. What is hate speech is condemning others for their respective political views, associations, ethnicity, or convictions. Such by definition is prejudice and includes racism.
  - l. It is hate speech to disguise meaning of an ideal by using a term which never described it.
  - m. Along the way, we can identify and properly define the re-defined terms used today to promote “another gospel” (Gal. 1:6).
2. The Kingdom of God vs The Kingdom of Socialism
- a. The kingdom of political correctness has hijacked most every arena and has certainly invaded every arena of life. The State has invaded all arenas of life. The areas of mercantile, matriculation, media, medical, maternity, marriage, and memberships including churches, synagogues, boy scouts, etc. have all become political arenas. The irony is that the politics of the State has usurped the roll of God thus when a Christian attempts to discuss these godly institutions, he is shunned for being ‘political.’ This recently happened to me at a pastor’s retreat. The last frontier for SJ to conquer is the Church.
  - b. When everything (literally) has been politicized, the State becomes authority on everything. When gender becomes a SJ issue, a Christian cannot use Scripture as definer of what gender is. The Bible thus becomes anti ‘gender equality.’ Complementarianism is vilified and Egalitarianism is championed. Expound/define these terms.
  - c. The kingdom of socialism ignores the virtues/values of the Kingdom of God (see Mat. 5-7) which are truth, love, life, sacrifice, discipline, accountability, longsuffering, etc.

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- d. Conversely, it prioritizes ethnics (erroneously stated as race because there is only one race), social status, gender, and ‘classes’ of society. According to the true Gospel, such is no priority at all (2 Cor. 5:16-17; Gal. 3:28).
  - e. SJ doesn’t regard accountability and discipline but merely regards people according to the flesh. This is absurdity times infinity. You don’t want ethnic diversity for the sake of diversity. What you want is integrity and competence. Do you want an ethnically diverse surgeon perform on you who has no experience? I want the better qualified surgeon no matter his or her ethnicity, nationality, gender, political persuasion, etc. You can keep your SJ diversity and I’ll take integrity and accountability.
  - f. The Kingdom of God is focused on righteousness, love, justice, purity, kindness, truth, and courage.
3. The SJ Gospel vs The Gospel
- a. Theologies: Either the State = god or the revealed personal, eternal, pure triune Creator = God. Doug Wilson rightly said that every government is a form of theocracy – it’s just how theos is defined.
  - b. SJ activism and social equality are the means and goal of another gospel with ulterior values, virtues, goals, impetus, and tactics. **See suggested chart so as to contrast subjects.**
  - c. In *Galatians*, Paul the Apostle wrote of those who purported “another gospel” (1:6) and such are damned (1:7-10). He went on to state that even his coveted social status among the people of God was nothing to be preferred as all humans are equal at the foot of the Cross. The “false brethren” (2:4) are traitors who are of the “false circumcision” who are enemies of the Cross of Christ whose end is destruction (Phil. 3:18-19).
  - d. There are also those who, although may not purport another gospel, may sheepishly avoid controversy and conflict and refuse to stand for the Gospel of Christ. Even Peter was guilty of this (Gal. 2:11ff.). These are not condemned but need rebuking so as to not to distort the understanding of the Gospel.
  - e. Part 3 below:
  - f. While Paul persuaded (2 Cor. 5:11) and offered evidences for the true Gospel Christians wield the Sword of the Spirit with logic and love (1 Pet. 3:15; Jn. 1:14), the SJWs use intimidation, threats, cancelation, violence, vandalism, etc. And they do this in the name of tolerance and inclusion – they literally hold signs saying “Defeat Hate” – and they do it with animus, intimidation, cursing, threats, vandalism, and violence! How can anyone not see the blaring contradiction? They wield the sword of coercion, vilification, slander, and literal violence. SJ is justice without righteousness. And justice without righteousness is anathema – it is no justice at all.
  - g. But it’s not just physical damage; a six yr. old girl asked her mom if she was “born evil” because she is white. This was brought up in Loudoun County Virginia at a school board meeting after widespread protests and administration affirmation of such protests.
  - h. Re: Christians joining the protests and call for SJ, reparations, and affirmative action with their accusing, virtue signaling, canceling, vilifying, and such makes one wonder if they will set their sights on the Apostle Paul as a homophobic, racist, anti-gender equality, Roman privilege, religiously bigoted, and intolerant hater.
  - i. Nevertheless, it was Jesus who didn’t respond to His accusers’ ridicule. It was Paul who refused to retaliate or acquiesce to the Jew’s and Rome’s demands. It was the Apostles who loved, prayed, and blessed those who persecuted and martyred them. It was the OT Prophets who – like the Apostles – denounced and declared the blatant sins of those in approval of the

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State and consensus and gave their lives for the Gospel rather than ruin others’ lives for their so called justice.

- j. Those in SBC leadership have joined the mob in shaming those of us who simply will not apologize for former generations – and culture’s – practices or for our whiteness or so called ‘privilege.’
- k. The virtue signalers condemn Trump for his mean tweets while they commence to burning cities. Mamma always said two wrongs don’t make a right – how much less one greater violence of wrong to correct offensive free speech?
- l. They will have to give an account. They think they can promote CRT and BLM and be blameless because they may not have thrown a bottle, cursed/threatened a person/business, or burned or vandalized public or private property – but one’s approval of these groups is approval of their tactics. Remember that Paul may not have physically stoned a Christian but he stood at the approval of such and thus called himself the chief of sinners (Acts 7:58; 1 Tim. 1:13-15).
- m. We are to avoid even the appearance of evil and much more the blatant practice of it (Eph. 5:1-3; 1 Thes. 4:9-12; 5:12-22).
- n. I’m almost certain that many pastors and leaders are not considering that they will answer to the LORD because they are too busy trying to answer to society, the consensus, and the church. Prov. 29:25! →
- o. It is naïve to think that if you shut down your church for months, the social justice mob, policies, and law makers will leave you alone. It is naïve to think that if you just paint or post a BLM sign on your home or business, you’ll be safe and left alone. It is because of those refusing to make a stand that the long arm of the State gets longer and the violent groups get more intense.
- p. I don’t care about the consensus. I don’t care what other churches are doing. Tim said we were the first to open up after shutdown. I don’t care what the church wants – I care about what the church needs! Jam. 1:2.
- q. Jesus didn’t say the assertive, activists, affirmative action, etc. will inherit the earth – but the meek! You see the Kingdom of God advances with preaching repentance and righteousness through Messiah alone! The SJ gospel advances with redistribution.
- r. So what’s wrong with redistribution, Affirmative Action, or reparations? Doesn’t Scripture teach that those who have sinned against another offer reconciliation via compensation? Consider the problems of social reparations (not spiritual reparations):
  - i. Most obvious: sons shouldn’t pay for sins of their fathers.
  - ii. Issuing reparations for Blacks will lead to LGBTQIA-plus, vets of certain wars, and others demanding social reparations. When gov. formerly issued such to particular groups it was because of gov. sins and it was to those who actually were the victims.
  - iii. What about black people whose great great grandparents were slave traders? Will they have to pay reparations or still receive them? And if they are to still receive them – we will have grandchildren of the guilty receiving reparations.
  - iv. What about the many more Whites who were enslaved in North Africa than Blacks in the US?
  - v. Will there be a white tax?
  - vi. Will this decrease or increase animosity between ethnical groups and political parties?

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- vii. Will this only increase **advantage** for minorities? I remember in the 80s when Blacks had scholarships over whites with same GPAs. Immigrants get years of tax free status on new businesses whereas born citizens do not. It has become a society of rewarding the “minorities” irrespective of merit. The unspoken and unrecognized minority is the hated one i.e. the white, male, conservative, Christian, debt free, tolerant, tax payer.
- viii. Affirmative Action/Reparations insult minorities as if they are inferior and thus need not work as hard or achieve as highly to advance in society. Paul said that if a man doesn’t work don’t let him eat (2 Thes. 3:10).
- ix. This promotes the mindset of victimhood, classifying society with the Marxist axiom of the oppressed and the oppressors.
- x. I personally know and love friends who qualify for grants who have more than we do but because one parent has an ethnic minority.
- xi. Who is Black? Who is White? Kamala Harris? Elizabeth Warren?
- xii. The US Constitutional judicial system that is based on true justice wouldn’t dream of adjudicating guilt on the innocent and those who could not have committed certain crimes. Why then ought we to punish those with “social justice,” who have not committed said crimes? Read Deut. 24:16 and Ezek. 18:20 and note that the penalty is not reparations but death! The social gospel focuses on political punishment, coercion, redistribution, and reparations – none of which promote the Gospel of Christ. It has a purely materialistic Marxist motive and ignores true sin and true righteousness i.e. repentance of personal sin against the holy God, punishment, death, hell, and essentials of the person and work of Christ. In fact, such is a self-righteous gospel.
- xiii. SJWs think themselves righteous because they simply apologized for their privilege or painted or posted a BLM sign on their business while they demand others to implement full-scale changes in their business to engender social equality. Jesus points out such self-righteousness (Mat. 23:4-7) and self-righteous judgment (Jn. 7:24).
- xiv. They merely apologize, post BLM or similar (hardly a sacrifice) while they demand we restructure our entire foundations, practices, and policies.
- xv. Let me ask you. If the church stood up for the Word with more boldness, do you think we’d be where we are now? Compromise never advances the Gospel! If you compromise Kingdom values and virtues with the State, the State’s values will prevail.
- xvi. So ultimately, the policies and impetus for Affirmative Action are for a worldly kingdom which prioritized materialism and power and ignores the Kingdom of God’s virtues of righteousness, love, justice, peace, personal responsibility, discipline, patience, and trust in God not government to supply our needs – which are primarily spiritual not material.
- s. Both the SJ gospel and the Gospel of Christ are exclusive and inclusive but at very significant points.
  - i. SJ gospel excludes all who don’t support the narrative of redistribution, that whites are racist, vilifying counter perspectives, and activism for revolutionary changes.
  - ii. The Gospel of Christ excludes only those who refuse to repent and come to Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

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- iii. The SJ gospel includes only those who toe the line of uniformity to their divisive, prejudice, revolutionary ideals, and who hold the narratives with no counter perspectives.
- iv. The Gospel of Christ includes those from every tribe, tongue, nation, and people – even those of differing political ideologies, ethnic groups, nationalities, convictions, and methodologies. Gal. 3:28. The Gospel of Christ brings peace, love, righteousness, reconciliation and unity while the SJ gospel causes unrest, hate, unrighteousness, division, and requires uniformity.
- t. Jesus and the Gospel of repentance and spiritual transformation is unnecessary to SJ. And the Gospel of Christ is the only hope for the age to come. Nothing less and nothing more than Christ is sufficient for our salvation. SJ values material and power and promotes the ‘spirit of this age’ and thus its urgency for political coercive revolution is indispensable to its ever elusive success.
- u. The true Gospel is about righteousness and reconciliation. It’s about Messiah carrying our sin burden to the Cross. It’s about accruing justice for God (not social justice for selfish, prideful, anxious sinners) while offering grace to the rebels – not shaming, censoring, canceling, and slaughtering the enemies opposing it. As they crucified Him, Jesus said, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” (Lu. 23:34).
- v. Who needs the Holy Spirit when you have politics, the State, the media narrative, and a campaign team if you are running for the SBC presidency?
- w. William Booth (founder of Salvation Army) sadly predicted a 20<sup>th</sup> century church as follows:
  - i. Religion w/o the Holy Spirit
  - ii. Christianity w/o Christ
  - iii. Forgiveness w/o repentance
  - iv. Salvation w/o regeneration
  - v. Politics w/o God
  - vi. Heaven w/o hell
- x. SBC presidents (along with other renowned Evangelical leaders) continue to apologize for our collective guilt and demand we support the narrative. But there is a problem with going along with them – viz. Scripture. Ezek. 18:20 clearly conveys the personal responsibility for sins – not collective guilt. Also, Paul stated that those transformed by the Gospel are no longer defined by their former patterns (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Therefore, even if I was guilty of prejudice etc. in Christ, my slate is wiped/washed clean (2 Cor. 5:17) thus no BLM, SJW, or CRT advocate can convict me nor condemn me (Ro. 8:1). That includes Al Mohler, Dan Akin, Matt Chandler, Russell Moore, Beth Moore, etc.! Furthermore, God’s great salvation is reconciling rebellious souls unto Himself, those who transgressed against Him. And Jesus explained how perfect His standard and how miserably and insurmountably short we fall of it.
- y. They would do better to actually rebuke those in unrepentant sin rather than those who are redeemed and merely refusing to repent for another’s sin.
- z. The SJ gospel also contradicts God’s design, order, institutions, and purpose.
  - i. Marriage is re-defined as any combination of participants rather than the nuclear family which promotes a healthy society, holiness, and the Gospel.
  - ii. Gender is re-defined to infinitely open possibilities rather than binary complementary design.

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- aa. The SJ gospel has a contrary attitude to that of Jesus. Rather than praying for, blessing, and loving those who mean you harm, SJ advocates vilify, mock, censor, and cancel those who refuse uniformity with them. Many businesses have been destroyed, people blacklisted, relationships estranged, and even cities vandalized and hijacked in the name of SJ. The ‘Summer of Love’ hardly described the siege in Seattle in 2020.
- 4. Extreme Hypocrisy
  - a. Superficial Sacrifices
    - i. Virtue signaling is a popular way of avoiding the animus of the Left (SJW) and of being cancelled. It is also a means of making oneself feel important, purposed, or virtuous. Jesus warned us not to do such (Mat. 6:1-5).
    - ii. I’ve been screaming this for years but C. S. Lewis articulated it brilliantly. Read [Harris p. 50](#).
    - iii. An apology is hardly a sacrifice. Rather, in our context, it is a means to shrug off responsibility to deal with the issue with a real solution in mind – or having it in mind, lacking the courage to confront it.
    - iv. When many join the consensus of ‘apologizing’ for their whiteness, privilege, and oppression of minorities; they are not truly remorseful of imagined sins or sins of their fathers. Rather, they are joining a virtue signaling chorus which weaponizes their superficial apologies to condemn those who refuse to join their perverted song.
    - v. What have they really done that is virtuous? Has a sacrifice truly been made when they are simply avoiding ridicule, tooting their own horns (Mat. 6:1-5), and superficially condemning others who are actually standing for reason with truth and love.
    - vi. An ironic example (a bit of poetic justice) of how superficial these weaponized apologies are is when the CEO of Chick-fil-a Dan Cathy was posturing to the black ‘Christian’ rapper Lecrae at a ‘woke’ conference by kneeling to polish his shoes. Instead of thanking Cathy, Lecrae asked for “some stock in Chick-fil-a.” They so deserve each other. Furthermore, in an interview the following day, Lecrae disapproved of Cathy’s empty gesture and called out his virtue signaling superficial sacrifice of posturing.
    - vii. Both were equally wrong and yet each superficially portrayed humility and victimhood respectively.
    - viii. But it gets worse because many do not stop at the virtue signaling and weaponized apologies. Instead, they join the activism which involves animus filled speech, judicial suits, beating citizens, pulling them out of their residences and businesses, and burning them. But note that such is neither bravery nor sacrifice as they target those who hold ***no threat*** while appeasing the iron boot of the SJ mob. This is what SJ looks like in the flesh. Remind them to watch “Paint the Wall Black” documentary.
    - ix. Conversely, bravery is standing up for honest convictions against a mob who demands conformity or pain. This is what ambassadors for Christ do. We do not demand, virtue signal, condemn people (though we must condemn sin and maintain church discipline), slander, censor, cancel, beat people, burn buildings, nor vandalize public and private property. Rather, we do not war according to the flesh (2 Cor. 10:1-6) but equip ourselves in the Word and encourage debate, not censorship, yet rely on the Spirit to guide us in our encounters. →

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- x. Read and discuss 1 Pet. 3:8-17.
- b. Superficial Stances
  - i. Read Lu. 16:15 and Mat. 23:28.
  - ii. Wanting to avoid persecution, SJW take stances to appease men while becoming an abomination to God. While the former and current presidents of the SBC attempt to cancel our history e.g. “retire the Broadus gavel” because it was named after one who had owned slaves, they remain silent when asked about how we might act to condemn the looting, vandalizing, and riots in the name of SJ. No wonder much of the evangelical church is confused – there is Gospel ambiguity. 1 Cor. 14:8 and Gal. 2:14 warn of such contradictory actions. At the very least, SBC administrators are causing confusion and at the worst, they are promoting intimidation, vandalism, coercion, violence, and so called ‘collective guilt.’ Such “leaders” prove hypocrisy when they demand understanding for the violent rioters while cancelling godly men who once owned slaves in a time when such was the norm. When is violence the norm? When can we justify social violence, theft, abuse, and other criminal acts which cause millions (if not billions) in damage?
  - iii. It is so perverted and backwards to condemn godly men who owned slaves (including Abraham, Jacob, David, etc.) while promoting those who are physically harming others and using malicious tactics to literally put peaceful business owners out of business – simply because they don’t join in the hatred and destruction.
  - iv. It’s sad that when I began to make this very point at the retreat for pastors and wives (when an obviously related parallel came up), I was shut down immediately. Yet the previous night a Hispanic pastor was not corrected when he made a blanket accusation regarding our “bigoted churches,” who have no bilingual staff.
  - v. Is it so hard to see the blatant hypocrisy? Popular pastor Matt Chandler scolded those who pointed out the violent nature of SJW while condemning the apparent police brutality as “demonic evil.” Furthermore, our last several SBC presidents and Chandler all joined in the condemnation for Trump supporters due to the incident at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.
  - vi. Beth Moore stated that we are too “theologically shaped” by white authors and thus it’s “past time” to diversify “personal libraries” which have “failed and robbed us.”
  - vii. How’s this for a superficial stance? Ethics w/o integrity and religion w/o spirituality. Either Ed Litton or another runner actually hired a campaign team for SBC president. Ed Litton has been caught plagiarizing more than a few sermons. I recently heard a few SBC pastors joke about trading work for sermons etc. It’s no wonder they feel safe doing so when the very president of the SBC was caught doing so and w/o repercussions. In fact, when confronted in an interview, he displayed no remorse and proceeded to excuse himself as if he was a victim. You can watch the video and judge for yourself. ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAXaGcDNT88> )
  - viii. If I was called out for plagiarism, heretical views on the Trinity, and challenged on my interpretation of Scripture, I might prayerfully seek the counsel of the Word, Spirit, and Church rather than double down. It was those who were in such high spiritual leadership positions (who refused to be corrected) whom Jesus unleashed His severest rebukes (Mat. 23). He even ended his scathing remarks with an accusation that not only were the Pharisees hypocrites pleasing men while ignoring God, they even belonged to those who persecuted and killed the ones who faithfully

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proclaimed the unpopular counterculture truth of repentance and righteousness and integrity!

### c. Hypocritical Hermeneutics

- i. Within Christianity, all agree that the Word is the final court of arbitration. However the Word can be and has been mishandled by those in the highest positions of authority. What then is indispensable to revealed truth is a proper approach to biblical interpretation.
- ii. We must, therefore soberly heed these passages: 2 Cor. 4:2; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20. It is easy to use these verses to justify your stance. In fact I’ve heard the 2 Tim. 2:15 verse hyper literally used to support Dispensationalism – which is a purported system of God being a respecter of persons according to the flesh.
- iii. However, since I am going to be held accountable for teaching the Word (Jam. 3:1), I do not approach the reading, study, commentaries, sermon prep, teaching, or preaching of the Word of God casually or presumptuously. I will have to give an account – not to you – but to the LORD almighty for what I have taught! But so too will all of the evangelical leaders who have, are, or will speak out regarding such.
- iv. BTW, how will the LORD judge a sermon one preached when it was developed by another?
- v. Sandra Van Opstal, teaching on worship and justice (Conference) used the book of *Amos* to emphasize (if not materialize) the issue of SJ as defined today. Amos surely wrote of justice and the lack thereof, but Opstal turned Amos’ concerns of rebellion against God to an emphasis on SJ including “white supremacy,” deportation as “another holocaust,” and scolding Christians for not joining the current movement. It’s curious that she raved about social injustices today yet not one mention of abortions and divine justice. It makes me wonder what her stances are on gender and sexuality. It is certainly a blatant miscategorization to call boarder security “another holocaust” while failing to mention the true 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century holocaust of abortion! Mat. 23 hypocrites. Strain out gnat (apologizing for whiteness) while swallowing a camel (ignoring abortion).
- vi. Timothy Keller reports that Scripture mentions “SJ” at least three dozen times. How come I ain’t seen no translation with those two words together? It’s a case of eisegesis (putting meaning into the text) rather than sound exegesis (drawing the intended meaning out of the text).
- vii. Read 1 Cor. 13:1-7. The ‘woke’ church misinterprets e.g. 1 Cor. 13:7 that “love believes all things” as an uncritical ignorant belief of those in the “Me Too” movement. Their stance is simply, “Believe the victim.” Such irresponsible ‘belief’ was not encouraged by Paul in said passage. And though inclined to believe certain accusations due to experience/evidence, Paul would not officially affirm an accusation w/o investigation e.g. 1 Cor. 11:18.
- viii. The Puritan Theologian Matthew Henry stated, “Charity does by no means destroy prudence.” Furthermore, in the same misinterpreted context of the ‘love chapter,’ Paul affirmed that love does not rejoice in iniquity but in the truth (v. 6). Sadly, it is the very concept of truth that the SJW ignore with their predetermined choice to believe the victims and villainize the accused without a hearing. True love is slow to accuse – unlike the SJW who condemn without investigation. Love is patient and quick to forgive, unlike the SJW who cancel and then refuse to apologize when truth

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contradicts them as they are proven false witnesses. Love is kind and not rude, unlike the SJW who chant mantras of hate, revenge, accusations, and condemnations. And love endures all things thrown at it. It is not the loving ones who are casting the stones, but the ones ironically claiming victim status and the ones whose phony apologies serve to excuse themselves and accuse those who do not join the SJ narrative.

- ix. Paul’s portrayal of love fits Jesus perfectly not the SJW. Paul’s description of those who love and are changed by the power of the Spirit includes those who are made a spectacle and “endure” (1 Cor. 4:9; 13:7; 1 Pet. 3:13-17 further consideration 2 Cor. 4, 6 re: opposition for doing ministry), not those who seek to make a spectacle of those with counter convictions.
- x. I think of Nick Sandman who was purposefully misrepresented in the media outlets and endured the threatening confrontation with fear but with peace and no retaliation – while the alleged victims literally got up in his face to intimidate him. BTW, our last SBC president condemned Nick Sandman accusing him of displaying hate. It’s a one sided belief – which is not what Paul nor the Word had in mind in 1 Corinthians or anywhere in Scripture. What happened to “love believes all things” when Sandman defended himself?
- xi. The Kingdom of God is advanced via the Sword of the Spirit not violence! Read Mat. 11:12.
- xii. God is no respecter of persons and shows no partiality to men. Yet this is precisely what SJW do. They demand apologies, censorship, and redistribution from whites who never owned slaves to blacks who never experienced slavery. They want lopsided policies which favor the minorities. God’s justice, however, is not partial (Deut. 32:4). Just as Scripture condemns the exploitation of the poor, it equally condemns the favoritism of the poor (Exod. 23:3; Lev. 19:15). Furthermore, Jesus must love the poor because in the Law (of which He perfectly fulfilled) there was ample provision for the poor. One may ponder why there are so many poor when God appoints our lot (Acts 17:26-27). It is the poor who are more apt to see their spiritual need (Mat. 5:3) and thus He called them blessed. Hence, the poor we will have with us always (Mat. 26:11).
- xiii. The SJ gospel is a materialistic, hateful, partial, discriminatory movement of social reconstruction which contradicts God’s institutions (Ro. 13 e.g.) and providence (Act. 17 e.g.) and seeks to reconstruct society to a contemporary utopia while God intends it to be a gymnasium where we learn to exercise patience, longsuffering, kindness, gentleness, joy, peace, love, and courage. God sees us as sinful and thus we need a spiritual reconstruction via the new birth. →
- xiv. One of my favorite verses (Mic. 6:8) has also been perverted to purport SJ. However, its true meaning condemns such. What SJW are doing is using the iron rod of the State to take from thy neighbor for thyself. God wants us to seek justice by defending the vulnerable, providing for the poor w/o favoring them re: true justice (Ex. 23:3), and giving the LORD thanks and praise.
- xv. Now we ought to pursue Mic. 6:8 but we do not despair when injustice is the arbiter of the age. Why? Because, unlike the SJW, we have a sovereign Creator who also used even the injustices to His Kingdom and for our good! We are not in despair

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when perplexed but Oh, how I see the horrific attitude of SJW when they have an easy target in their sights.

- xvi. SJ has a lower view of law, sin, repentance, and Christ and thinks that man can politically revolutionize society without repentance and spiritual regeneration. Those who understate the perfect Law of God (see Ps. 119) do so out of ignorance or negligence (if not maliciousness). They find it unthreatening and thus easy to fulfill because it is a perverted ill esteemed view of the Law. They think they can fulfill, implement, and demand its adherence. Conversely, those with a sober and healthy view of the Law run to God’s grace as they can never measure up to it.
  - xvii. SJ = perverted justice. I was met with about ten seconds of silence when I told our AMS that we can’t be neutral on BLM but must biblically condemn it! And rather than make an argument against my position or for his, he said he was with Al Mohler who is conservative...
  - xviii. Read Mat. 28:17-20.
  - xix. Further regarding Hermeneutics, we might identify those with an appearance of godliness yet denying its power. See “Points on 2 Tim. 3:4-5.”**
  - xx. Is The Great Commission spiritual or social? The Great Commission to the Church is not concerned with social and political reforms to promulgate a utopian society. It is a personal and spiritual duty to become ambassadors and disciple those of all nations, ethnicity, tribe, and tongue not using weapons of the flesh (e.g. the State, policies, narratives, cancelation, etc.) but of the Spirit (e.g. the Word, study, sacrifice, solitude, sanctification, etc.).
- d. Catastrophic Consequences
- i. Whereas the Church of Jesus has been the agent of reconciliation of God and man. The beneficial results of such include universities of higher education, sciences, hospitals, many parachurch ministries to third world countries, the abolition of slave trade and then slavery itself (BTW, condemnation for current Muslim States which still practice oppressive slavery is currently missing from the SJW – while they currently condemn whites who never owned slaves!) Insanity times infinity! And what about Sharia Law? In fact, it was safer (and indeed a blessing in some cases) to be a slave in ancient Israel than to be a white Southern African in the 21<sup>st</sup> century or a slave or son or daughter under Sharia Law.
  - ii. Read Harris Appendix 5.
  - iii. The testimony of the true Body of Christ is transformed souls (cf. 2 Cor. 3:1-3; 5:12-21) who are impacted to personally and spiritually minister to all peoples in society w/o favoritism. Conversely, the testimony of Socialism and SJ is persecution, poverty, hatred, cancelation, prejudice, and apartheid.
  - iv. The authentic (born again) Body of Christ leaves a wake of unity, tolerance, scientific discovery, hospitals, missions, and transformed lives while the wake of SJ (wokeness) has its victims demanding uniformity, displaying intolerance, ignoring science, burning buildings of ministry/service, and condemning ambassadors of Christ for not approving and joining in on such practices.
  - v. The Gospel of Christ accurately conveys that each of us is a sinner and all of us have gone astray. Rebelling against God, we have become slaves to sin (Ro. 6:15-23). The SJ gospel conveys that some humans are slaves to society’s racism and that others are oppressors and that the oppressed need not repent but overthrow the social

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institutions (including the nuclear family, gender, marriage) using the coercion and punishment of the State’s policies or even illegal activism so as to redistribute power here and now i.e. “this age.”

- vi. SJ advocates ignore the clear revelation of Scripture re: man’s helpless depravity and inability to save himself and thus much less a society. Creating a social utopia via coercive means only confirms Scripture warnings of Babel’s tower which God crushed. The perverting of God’s institutions, taxonomy, and purposes are seen in the promotion of their fundamental indispensable egalitarian philosophy of even equating or elevating animals above humans, reducing parental influence and even dismissing it altogether as the State knows better than mother or father. Again, SJ advocates even refuse to acknowledge such biologically obvious binaries as gender.
- vii. We are now witnessing the visible church in bed with the socialist State as it joins the "social justice" movement in demanding policy changes which ostracize and punish those of us simply living with resolve to adhere to Scripture. I can’t help but think of Revelation’s picture of the harlot (unfaithful apostates) riding the beast (the State) as she has sold out to what the State promises her *socially* (redistribution, reparations, riches, and renown) in exchange for what God offers *spiritually* (freedom from sin’s enslavement and a part in His holy communion).
- viii. It is true that God’s true Bride is currently persecuted as she follows the Lamb wherever He goes. And it is true that the prostituted bride enjoys temporary desires of the flesh. But it is also true that a great reversal is coming.
- ix. SJ is about the State redefining the Creator’s design, institutions, creatures, and purpose.
- x. There actually is a difference between men and women as seen in the Olympics (e.g. relay switch up with man in the women’s race). And if there is no difference, why give women handicaps? Such is a backhanded acknowledgment of them as the weaker gender. Oops, that wasn’t politically correct – but it is biblically correct (1 Pet. 3:7).
- xi. The Lady of Justice – for the SJW – she is a respecter of persons ‘race’ and thus must remove her blindfold so as to see the color, class, gender, orientation and age of a citizen in order to enact justice. God’s justice is perfect and no respecter of persons and merely needs to look upon the heart (only God can do this) of a person. The bad news is that each and every one of us is a sinner and stands condemned before a holy, righteous, pure, and just God. The good news is that no matter ones wealth or poverty, gender, social status, ethnicity, or whether or not he are she is incarcerated; whoever calls upon the name of the LORD in honesty with repentance shall be saved from sin’s slavery and thus whether a slave, victim, or minority – one is free in Christ (Jn. 8:31-36 & Eph. 5:21; 6:1-9).
- xii. Therefore, the true Gospel is liberating in spite of the social or other circumstances; whereas the SJ gospel must actually manipulate and strive for biased social policies – which will never be achieved nor could ever offer peace. Our problem is not racism, social privilege, or a lack of the State’s authority over us. Our problem is that we have rebelled against our Maker and attempt at ideals and programs like SJ and CRT to repair a sin wrecked world. But the world can never develop heaven on earth nor reach to heaven as Babylon tried. Rather, the gracious and righteous LORD stooped

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down sacrificially to bring Himself to us! This is the real good news! The Gospel is not Jesus plus SJ or anything else! Jesus: If you are not for Me, you are against Me.

There is a great division within the visible Church today and as the division grows more distinct, one better know where she stands on the issues. It is our duty to make certain our stance is firmly founded on a correct interpretation of the Scripture. This is why we primarily prioritize the earnest, disciplined, informed, exegetical preaching of the Word. I’d love to get straightway into the pertinent passages which clearly and contextually convey the intent, motives, attitude, priority, virtues, and values of our LORD. However, we must take a small amount of time to understand the “spirit of the age.” Furthermore, when Christ returns or when we depart this world, we want to be found faithful to Him. Though we are saved by grace through faith, our actions will be judged and we will account for our stances. It is necessary to be informed but I find it doubly necessary that we consider our denominational Convention’s stance so as to make a decision regarding our affiliation.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD” is what Isaiah recorded (1:18). He began that passage as depicting a courtroom setting as God as Judge and creation the witnesses. Scripture often calls us to consider the creation, the Creator, and His ways. It also calls us to consider our ways and repent. Job, David, Solomon, psalmists, the Prophets, the Apostles, and Jesus himself told us to observe, consider, test, and then act accordingly that we might be saved and grow. This means that we often must consider that which is unpleasant. We must continue to do as Scripture commands (e.g. Deut. 18:21-22; Job 9; Pss. 8:3; 14; 19:1-7; 50:6; 97:6; Jer. 33:25-26; Mal. 3:10; Mat. 7:1-6; Acts 17:26-27; Ro. 12:3; 1 Thes. 5:21; Heb. 11:6; 2 Pet. 1:10; 3:17; 1 Jn. 4:1). I take no pleasure in exposing the corruption which has all but taken over the SBC administration, but we must do so as to ‘come out from among them’ (cf. Isa. 52:11; 2 Cor. 6:17-7:1; Rev. 18:4) as leaders in the Church are adopting the spirit of the age. We are now witnessing the visible church in bed with the socialist State as it joins the "social justice" movement in demanding policy changes which ostracize and punish those of us simply living with resolve to adhere to Scripture. I can’t help but think of *Revelation*’s picture of the harlot (unfaithful apostates) riding the beast (the State) as she has sold out to what the State promises her *socially* (redistribution, reparations, riches, and renown) in exchange for what God offers *spiritually* (freedom from sin’s enslavement and a part in His holy communion).

I am suggesting that we (First Baptist Church of Sorrento) pull our affiliation from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Unless or until the administration confronts the evils of “social justice” (SJ) and repents for promoting it and/or ignoring its infiltration and perversion of the Gospel of Christ, true justice will be neglected and the mere Gospel of Christ will be perverted in the denomination. I began a series October 31<sup>st</sup> where I’m explaining the whats, whys, and hows of the goings on and thus will not begin to articulate such in this email body. The current series is available on our website [fbcSORRENTO.org](http://fbcSORRENTO.org) However, I’m linking a video or two for whomever it concerns – and it ought to concern each of you – so that you can get a glimpse of the attitudes and actions of those promoting this religious movement which vehemently opposes the Gospel. I have, am, and will continue to make sacrifices for the Gospel of Christ as I’m unashamed. I am acutely aware that I will answer for my own actions, the influence I have over my church, and all that I teach and demonstrate. But I will not have to answer to SBC’s administration or even my church – but to the LORD almighty! And so will each teacher, leader, and Evangelical administrator. Godspeed to all and only seek my offered content if you are ready to face conflict. It is with much sadness, fear, and trembling – yet with faith that I send this out and continue to stand for the mere Gospel of Christ! \*Because I don’t want to spend much time on this confrontation, I

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didn't prioritize flowing articulation or message outline. I simply offer a vague four-point outline with many points so as to give raw info and provocative considerations.

### Checking The Boxes While Ignoring Scripture

1. Making certain you say the right words to appease society's demands e.g. It just jumps out at me now that the "buzz words" must be used in "woke society" In an article from our Florida Southern Baptist Executive Director, Dr. Tommy Green the following terms were included:
  - a. "Florida Baptist Convention focus on being multi-cultural, [multi-ethnic](#), multi-lingual, multi-locational, and multi-generational."
  - b. "Our Florida Baptist Family through actions have been inclusive..."
  - c. "Every aspect of our Florida Baptist structure reflects the diversity of Florida."
  - d. "We are not perfect in this process, but we are committed to stand against racism and division."

Furthermore, so as to avoid a stance, he added, "I do not have the answer to all the spiritual, cultural, and political issues that are deeply dividing the brethren across SBC life."

Well, maybe you ought to step down if we are charging you to lead and you cannot. I don't want the position but the answer is easy viz. denounce SJ and stop appeasing man (Prov. 29:25).

2. Women's devotion w/o notice? But now that it was offered I can check the box.
3. Women's handicap.
4. "Bigoted Churches" without bilingual staff.
5. Saying "let's not get political" yet get political or shutting someone up by saying, "Let's not get political," yet what was going to be said was moral, spiritual, practical, etc.
6. What is tragically hypocritical is that these woke buzz words and phrases which excuse anti-biblical attitudes and behaviors are the epitome of being politically correct. They employ such phrases to appear spiritual yet they do them so as not to lose social status. See Jn. 16:2. When following Jesus means losing social status and being politically/religiously correct, they chose to go with the social and political demands.

### Why Leave the SBC?

1. We are to be good stewards of our temporal resources. They cannot guarantee where are money will go!
2. Jesus said you are either for or against Him. How is supporting Marxist ideals, organizations, and tactics for Christ?
3. Leadership is corrupt. Do we really want leaders and presidents who find it difficult to preach Romans and thus plagiarize whole sermons? And when they are called out, liken the concerned to Joseph's brother who mean it for evil? Or leaders who say we can't shed the stain of racism by virtue of those who owned slaves before us?
4. Do we spend the time, resources, and energy trying to reform? The Great reformation was unsuccessful but Protestantism flourished by separating from the huge establishment church. It seems that God works more efficiently in smaller groups.
5. Any other reasons?

### Why Remain in the SBC?

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If we have been transformed by the Gospel and thus no longer regard anyone according to the flesh – *not even Christ* – (2 Cor. 5:16-17), then why must we work towards racial reconciliation in the Church? The Gospel is not for racial reconciliation, homosexual conversion therapy, or even to deliver addicts from their addictions. The Gospel *is* the reconciliation of a sinner to his Creator by applying the righteousness of Christ to the one who repents of his sin. Scripture is clear that much of our sinful nature remains until glory. Though I’m born again, yet I have tendencies to lust, abuse drugs, curse, etc. Each of us still struggle and commit sins. But what about ‘racism’? By virtue of having been regenerated, one’s eyes are opened to 1 Cor. 5:16-17, and thus she needs no ‘racial’ reconstruction therapy. It was the Gospel that opened my uncle’s eyes to his prejudice. It is only in the flesh of the unregenerate where ‘racism’ exists. The ironic truth is that those in the church who call for such nonsense are causing ethnic tensions which would otherwise not exist (Gal. 3:28)! Those in the church who fail to condemn the actions of hate, abuse, heresy, and deception of the wolves in wool need to repent. Such are not believers, thus the true Church identifies and removes them. In 1 Cor. 6:9-11 & Gal. 5:18-26, Paul is obviously not arguing against himself in Ro. 7. He is saying that continual unrepentant lifestyles of sin mark the unregenerate. Though we may commit acts of pride, lust, heresy, or even prejudice, we do not settle in a lifestyle of such and pretend that it is not sinful. Rather, we take measures to mortify the flesh so as to overcome those besetting sins. Sin and its remedy (the Gospel) has nothing to do with ethnicity, gender, or social status. It is about righteousness!