



Canada Votes - God Rules

**Ambassadors of the
Righteous King**

7 Biblical Political Factors

- **The public square**
- **The heart - motive**
- **The Bible - wisdom**
- **Government**
- **Churches**
- **Christians**
- **Justice**





S. Polycarpus, engraving by Michael Burghers, ca 1685 - https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/21/Burghers_michael_saintpolycarp.jpg

CHRISTIANS: Not Cultural Warriors, but Ambassadors

- Disengagement
- Capitulation
- Worldly Engagement

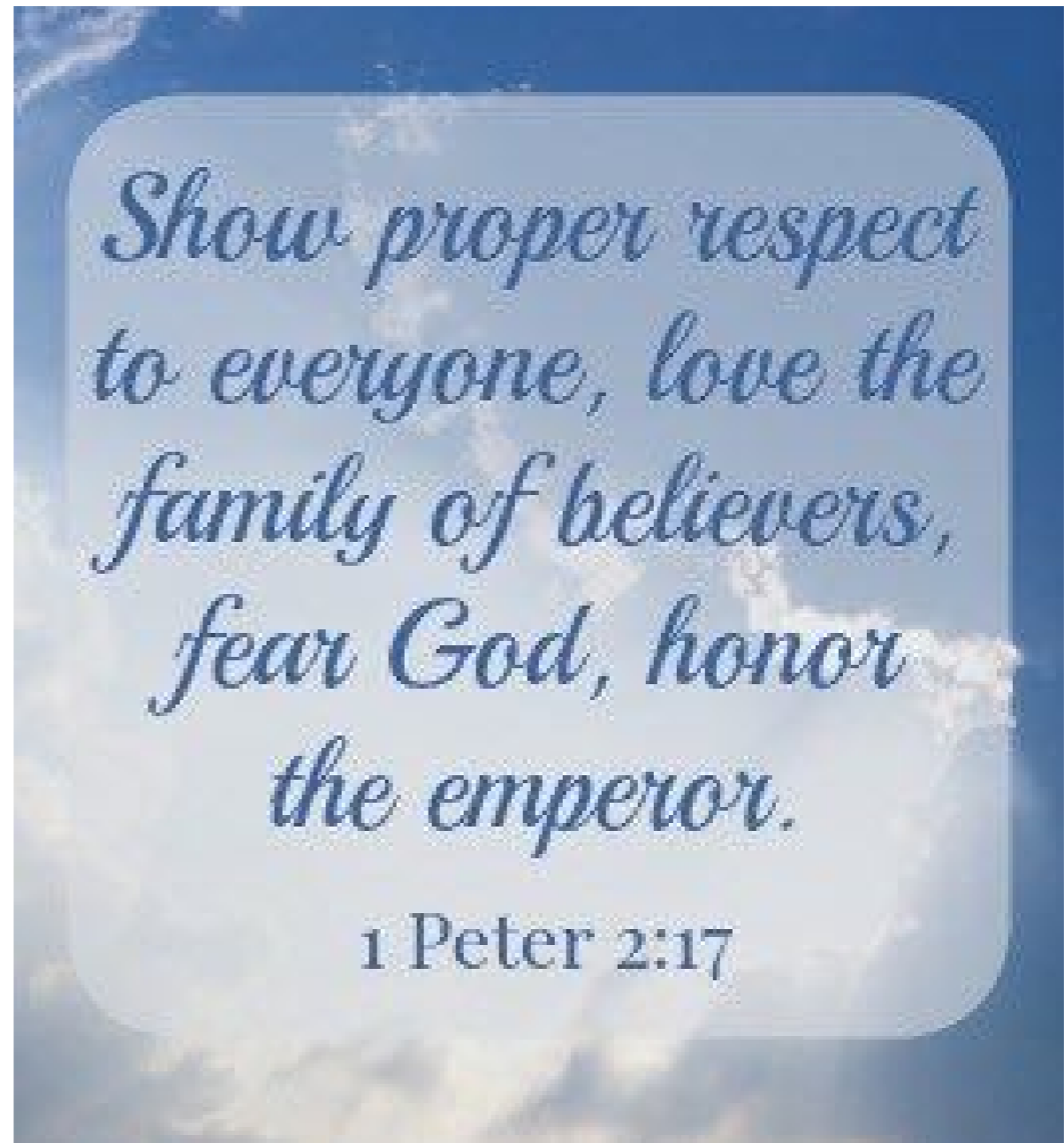


“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

-2 Corinthians 5:18-20

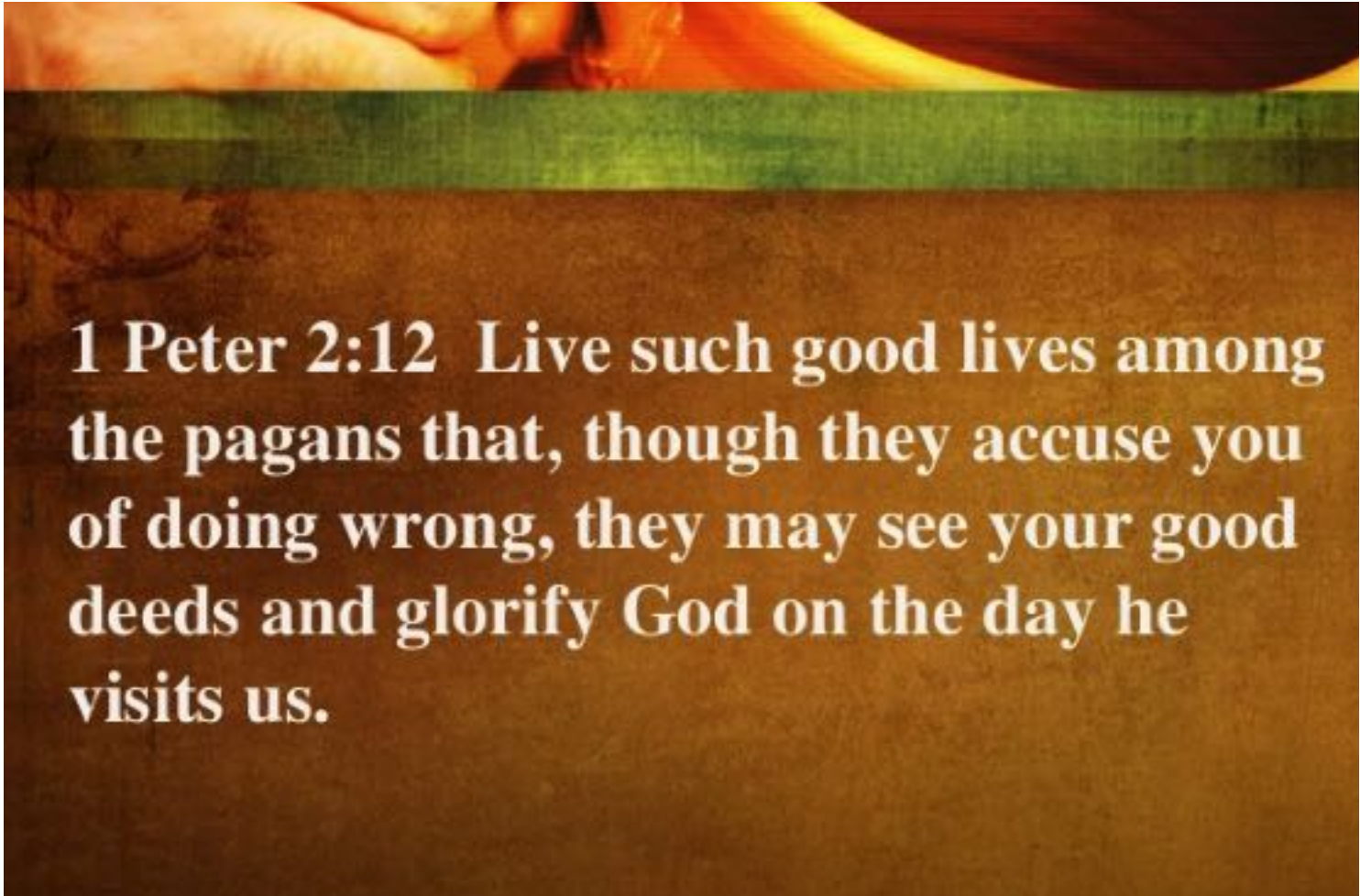
Living as an Ambassador

1. Join a church
2. Fear God and get wisdom
3. Obey and honour the government



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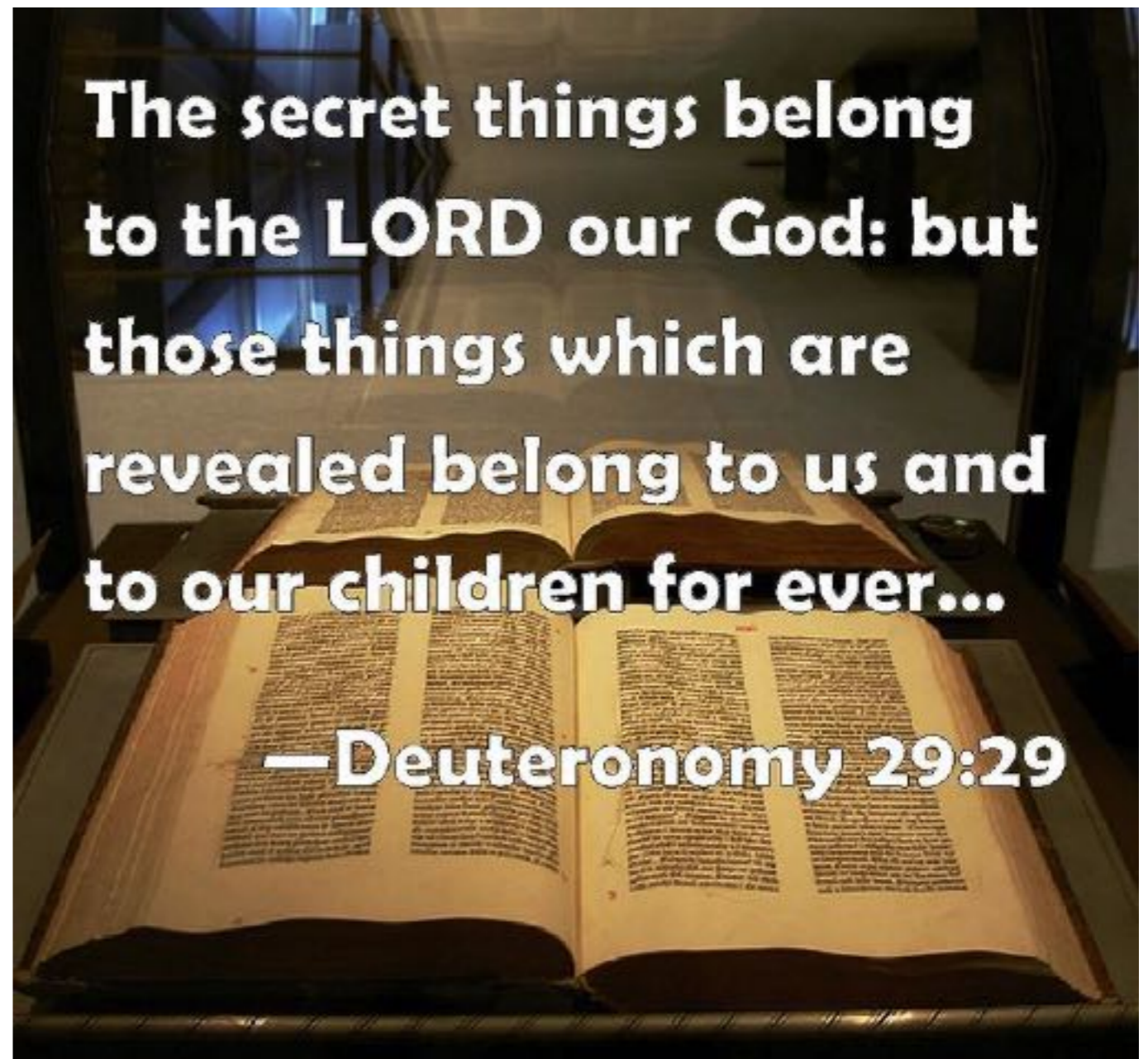
4. Within the bounds of biblical morality, apply common sense principles to human life and flourishing
5. Practice convictional kindness



1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Living as an Ambassador

6. Do not attribute your interpretation of historical events to Providence (God)
7. Be prepared on occasion to disobey the state (Acts 5:29)



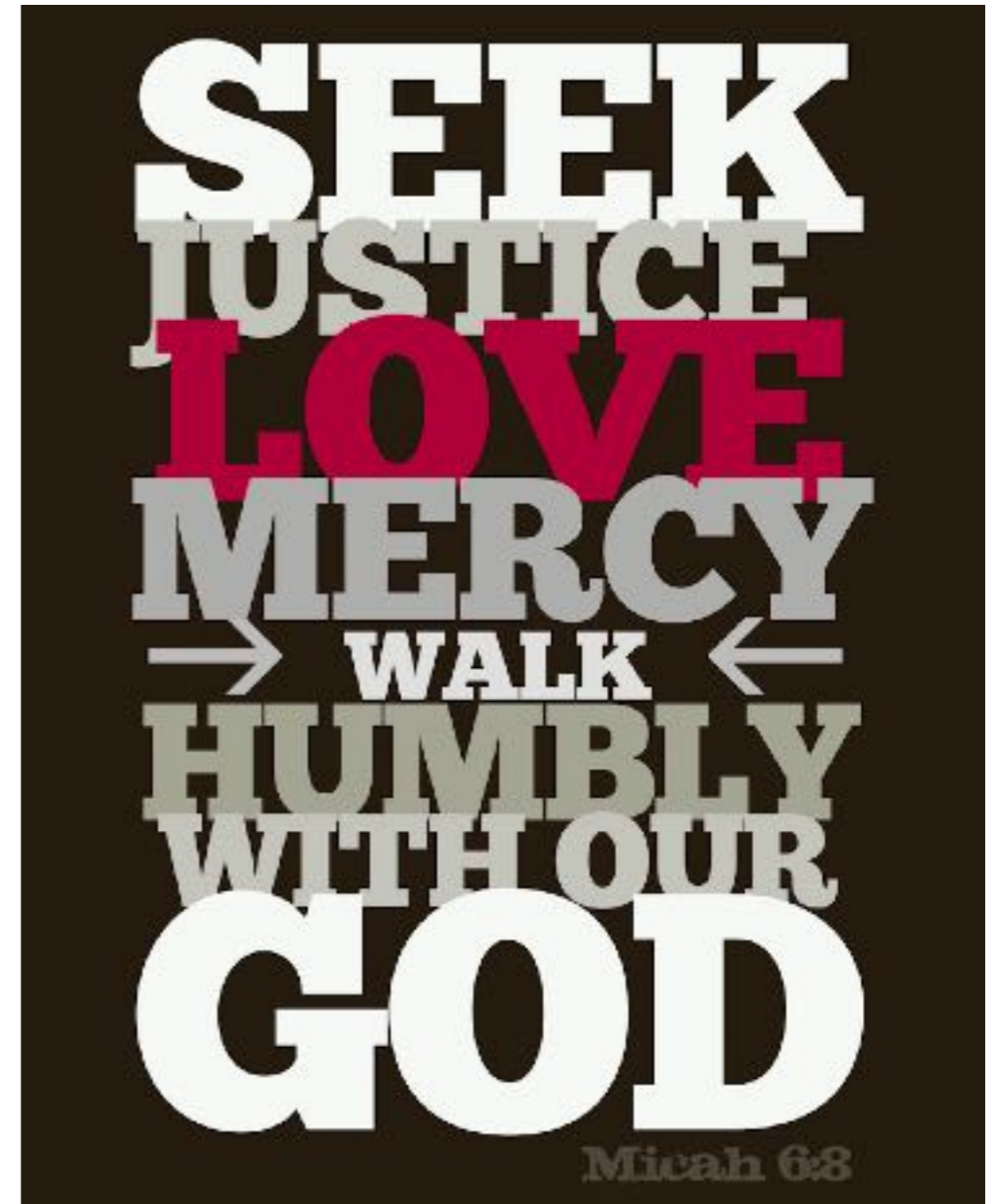
JUSTICE: Not *Just* Rights, but Right

- Culture tells us that justice is respecting the rights of other people
- Biblically, justice is applying God's righteous moral standards to human conduct



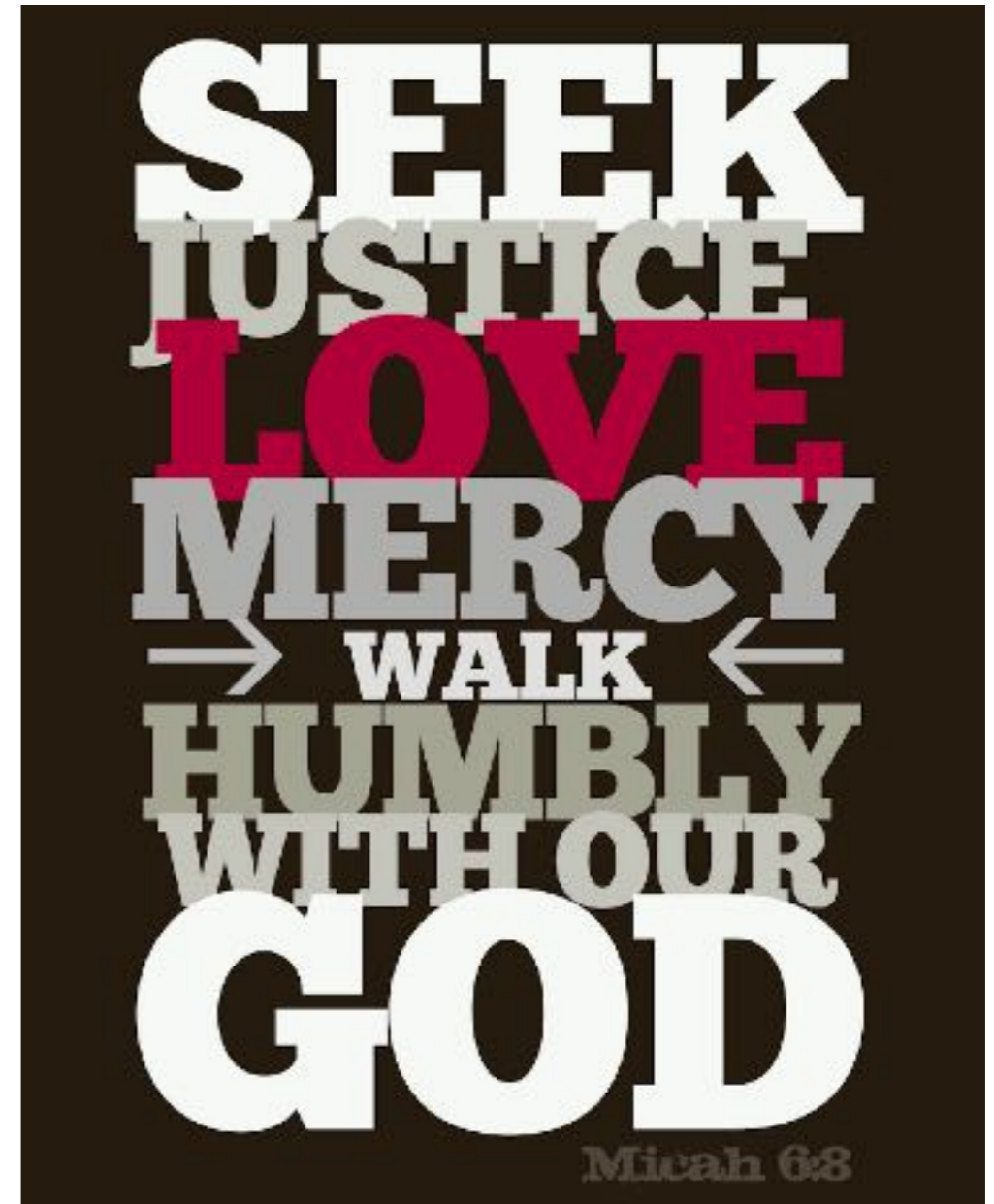
Recognizing Justice

- Justice involves punishing the oppressor and lifting up the oppressed
- Justice affirms both equality and difference



Recognizing Justice

- Justice recognizes that we all have prejudices and biases
- Justice stands against cultural injustices
- Justice is thankful for those who work in the justice system



God is Both Just and Justifier

- God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:25-26)

Kiss (pay homage, give allegiance to) the Son

