

# *Understanding the Social Justice Movement*

The Justice Series – Part 3

Scripture text – various

## Introduction

- This week and next, we will seek to understand the modern social justice movement.
- While it may seem to many of us to have arisen suddenly last summer, it actually has a long \_\_\_\_\_.

## History

- World history is typically divided into 3 eras: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each era can be defined by who or what was (is) understood to be the supreme \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the postmodern era, the supreme authority is the autonomous, sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.
- This produces \_\_\_\_\_, along with frustration and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Enter Karl Marx (1818-1883). He called upon the masses (“proletariat”) to rise up against their wicked \_\_\_\_\_.
- Despite Marxism’s poor track record, a network of Marxist theorists, known as the \_\_\_\_\_ School, breathed new life into his ideas.
- The Frankfurt School expanded Marx’s economic, class-based framework to include inequalities between other \_\_\_\_\_.
- The secular version of justice is a comprehensive \_\_\_\_\_ that provides answers to life’s most basic question.

## Question #1: Who are We?

- The biblical answer: We are created by, and \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ of, a good, holy and loving God. As such, every human being has \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- Humans also have \_\_\_\_\_.
- The secular version agrees that every person has dignity & worth. However, there are 3 caveats:

1. Not the \_\_\_\_\_!
2. The secular version cannot explain \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There is a denial or lessening of moral agency for certain \_\_\_\_\_.

Question #2: What is Our Fundamental Problem?

- The biblical answer: The problem is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart against God.
- According to the secular version, the problem is \_\_\_\_\_. *“Evil is sourced \_\_\_\_\_ of man, in society, and specifically in social structures, systems, institutions, laws, and cultural norms that perpetuate inequalities and grant one group power and privileges at the expense of others”* (Scott Allen).
- In Marxism 2.0, the main oppressors are \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Question #3: What is the Solution?

- The Bible’s solution is the \_\_\_\_\_. Change is from the \_\_\_\_\_ out. It not only treats the symptoms, but also the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The social justice movement requires a \_\_\_\_\_. That’s because it only treats the \_\_\_\_\_ and the heart remains \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is an ideology based on \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion

- CS Lewis: “We must picture \_\_\_\_\_ as a state where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives in the deadly serious passions of envy and resentment.”