

Justice for the Poor

What culture says, what God says, what Christ does?

Luke 4:16-21

Today we are looking at what God's heart for the poor is, as well as how we are to address issues of poverty in our culture. The answer lies in the message and ministry of Christ as found in Luke 4.

Culture says...

- Political Left
- Political Right
- Socioeconomic Situation (Class)
- Self

Scriptures Say...

- Judges are unbiased to their status (Lev. 19)
- Jubilee (Lev. 25)
- Could gather crops from others' land (Ex 23:10)
- Gleaning (Lev. 19)
- Debts forgiven every 7 years (Deut 15:7-11)
- Law of redemption (Lev 25/Deut 15)
- Isaiah 58-61
- Consequences for oppression

Hope for the Poor

Luke 4:

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,

19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

What will the church DO

- Serve people differently
 - Pity, Compassion, Action
- View people differently
- Get involved www.grace-bible.org