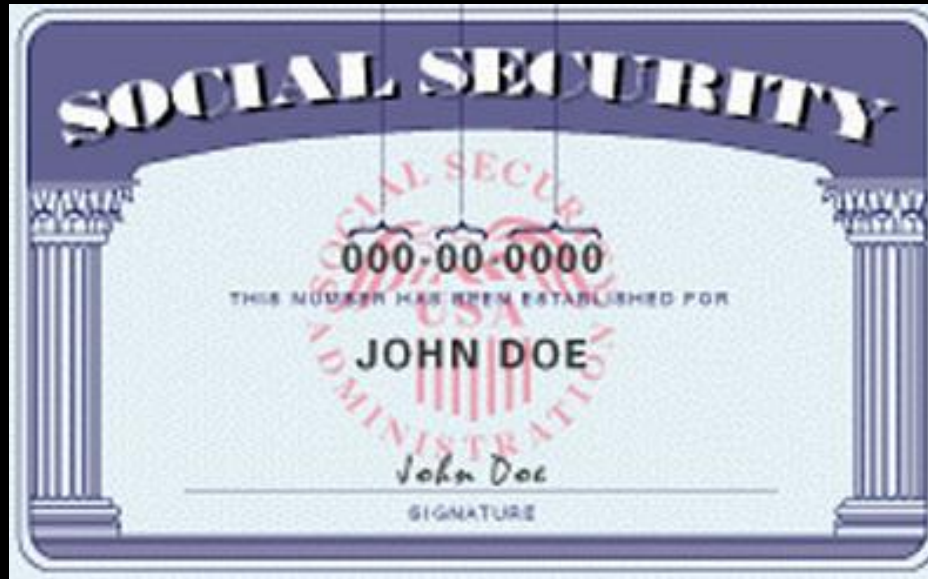




ELECTION ISSUES



Shalom
Justice
Doing Justice



Shalom

Proverbs 3:17

Her (wisdom) ways are pleasant ways And all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:19-20

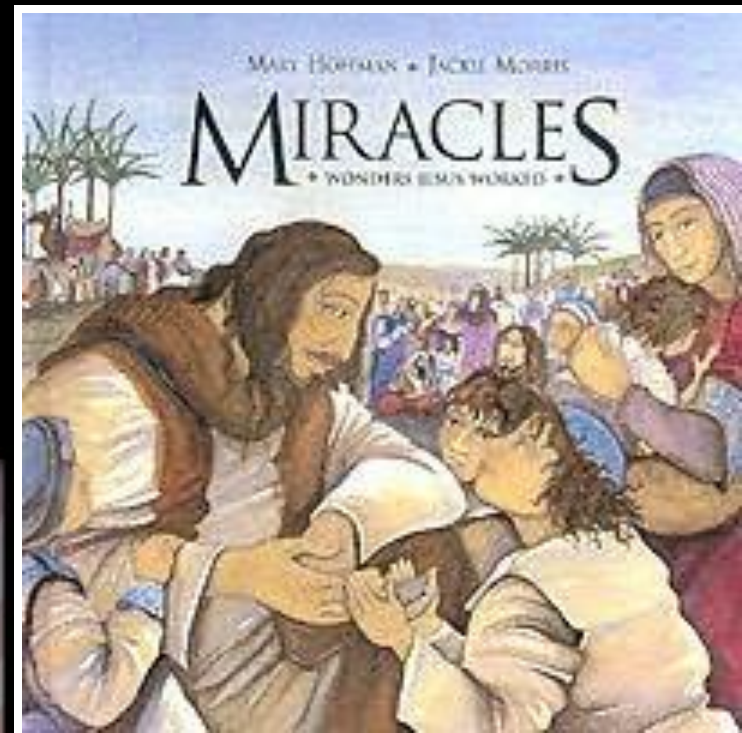
The Lord by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens. By His knowledge the deeps were broken up And the skies drip with dew.



Shalom



The way things were
and ought to be



Shalom

The Tapestry of Shalom (God's peace) was shredded and we lost this sense of balance, wholeness, inter-connectedness, and "inter-wovenness."



Shalom



Psalm 102:25-26

Of old you laid the
foundation of the
earth, and the
heavens are the work
of your hands.
They will perish, but
you will remain; they
will all wear out like a
garment.



Shalom





Shalom

We are called to his
mission as
instruments of
redemption,
reweaving and
repairing the frayed
edges and unraveled
threads of this
Tapestry of Shalom.



Physical Shalom

Health is Physical Shalom every body part is working together as it should. **Sickness, injury, aging, and ultimately Death is the loss of shalom.**



Psychological Shalom



Isaiah 6:5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."



Social Shalom

When those who have money, power, status, resources are using , “weaving” all they are and have into their community (instead of keeping it all for themselves) There is an “inner wovenness”, everyone is being care for, safe and held up by the fabric.



Social Security



Social Shalom = Social Security

Acts 2:42-47 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ... And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need



Social Shalom = Social Security

But when everyone lives for themselves, you have social insecurity, poverty, war, gangs, crime, violence - a loss of social shalom.



Social Insecurity



Shalom



We are called to his mission as instruments of redemption, reweaving and repairing the frayed and unraveled threads of this Tapestry of Shalom.



Justice

What comes to your mind when
you here the word justice?



Justice

“Doing justice then is going to the places where the fabric of shalom is weak and repairing that which has fallen apart, “re-weaving” the threads of community into a healthy, vibrant whole.”



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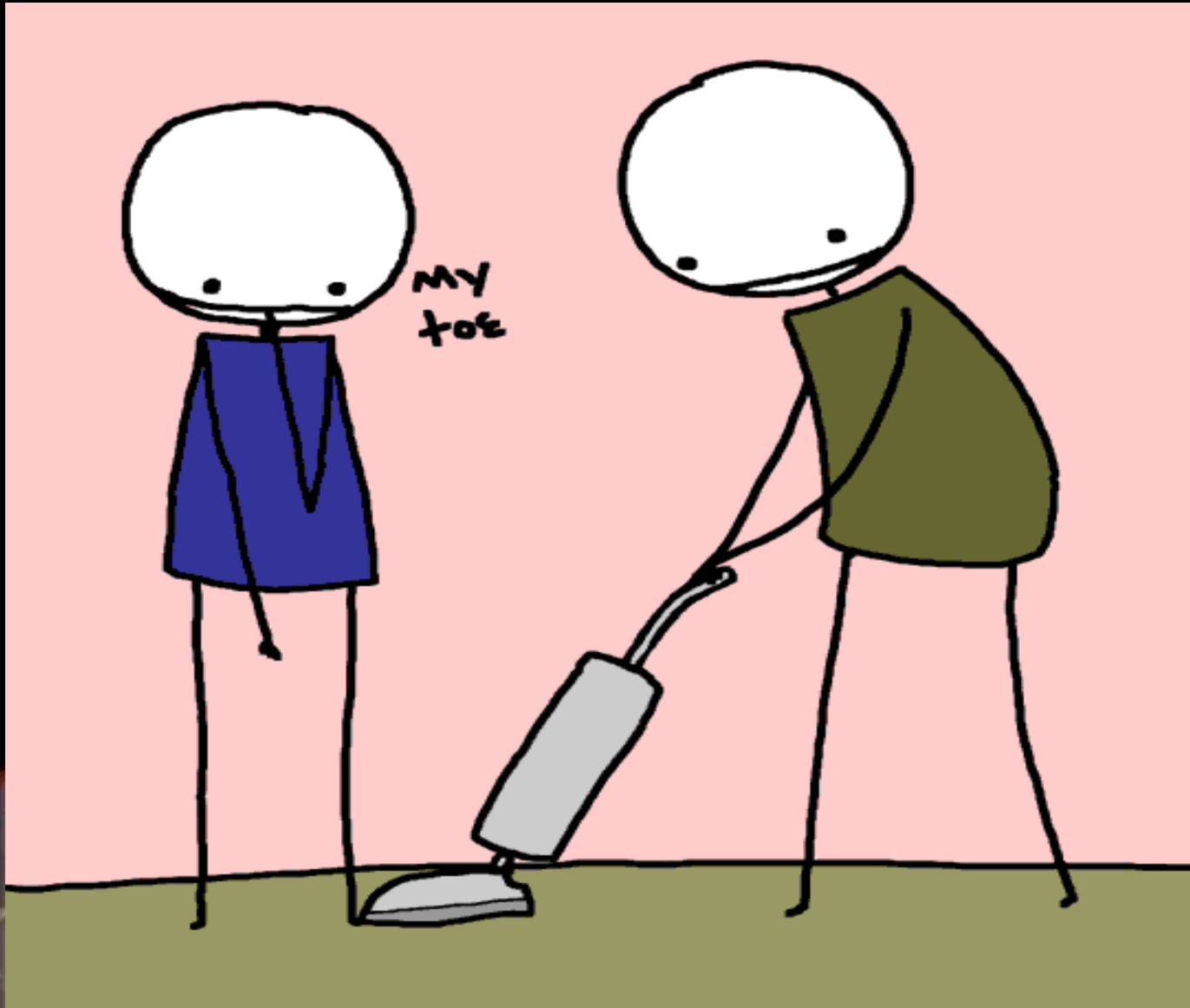


Justice

Proverbs 3:27-28 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.



Justice





Justice

In America we feel often like people are getting what they deserve. They need pull themselves up by their bootstraps. I got here through hard work and they can too. Yet how much of what we have is ours because of birth?



Justice and the Church

Proverbs 11:10



“When the
righteous
prosper, the
city rejoices”.



Justice and the Church

Jeremiah 29:7

But seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you into exile, and
pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in
its welfare you will find your
welfare.



Justice and the Church

Tsadikim – “righteous” – those who are willing to disadvantage themselves for the sake of others and the “wicked” are those who put their own economic and personal needs ahead of the needs of the community.



Justice and the Church

A “righteous” person is one who disadvantages him/herself for the good of the community. If you have a church full of truly “righteous” people, in the Biblical sense, the city will rejoice that you’re there.



Justice and the Church
Are you/is Community of
Hope truly doing justice? Do
those around you rejoice that
you're in their neighborhood?
Are we righteous in this way?



Justice and the Church



Here is the
problem.



Justice and the Church



Here is the
problem.

Greed



Justice and the Church

Luke 12:15

Jesus - "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



Justice and the Church



*Perception
becomes
reality*



Justice and the Church

Two kinds of people

- 1. – Look down people who spend*
- 2. Those who Perception becomes reality*



Justice and the Church



*Perception
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Justice and the Church

The church is sending out a
mixed message



Justice and the Church



Justice and the Church



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community.



Justice and you

How do we do justice?



Justice and you

Guilt is a poor/wrong reason to serve others – it will not get you to do justice God's way



Justice and you

How do we do justice?



Justice and you

Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man,
what is good. And what does the
Lord require of you? To act justly
and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God.

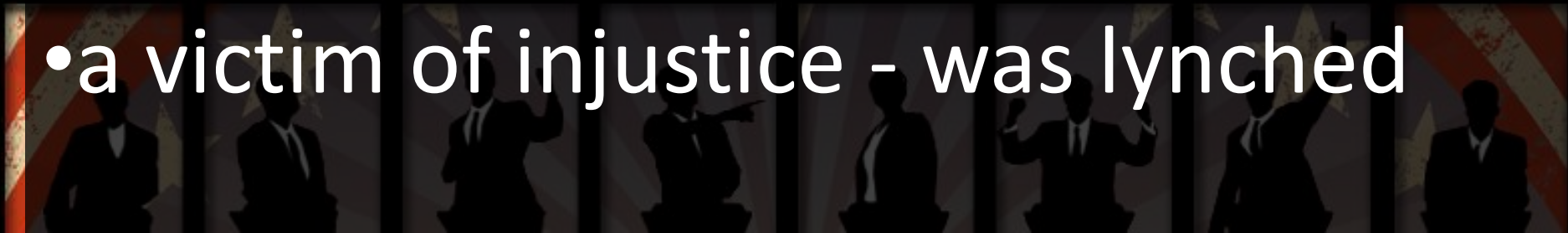


Justice and you

“Love Mercy”

Consider Christ. We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19**

- Born in a manger -family was poor
- He was homeless -“foxes have holes”
- cast lots for His only possession (robe)
- a victim of injustice - was lynched



Justice and you

“Walk Humbly”

We love the poor because we are the poor. Even if you have money we are the poor. We do not have the resources to save ourselves. And this keeps us humble.



The gospel makes us into
righteous people who
reweave the fabric of shalom
through disadvantage
ourselves for the sake of
others.

