

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF SOCIALISM & JUSTICE

- 1 Timothy 4:1; Ephesians 6:10-12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1. Regarding God, the founders and leaders of socialism in the last two centuries have virtually all been _____ who have been _____ toward Jesus Christ and the Bible. (Ps. 14:1; 1 Cor. 1:18-21)

- *How was this true with the French Revolution, Owen, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Mao, and others?*

2. Regarding man, socialists have traditionally believed in _____, denying that mankind was _____ in the image of God but has fallen into _____, thus needing _____. (Gen. 1-2; 9:6; Ps. 8:4-8; John 3:3-5; Rom. 5:12; Jas. 3:9)

- *How has socialism's view of man shown itself in treatment of people?* (Prov. 14:12)

3. Regarding marriage and the family, many socialists have opposed God's blueprint for _____. (Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:13; 1 Peter 3:1-6)

4. Regarding human government, many communist countries have put the _____ before the _____ in contrast to God's order of institutions (Gen. 2:18-25; 4:1-2; 9:5-7) and have _____ their leaders (Exod. 20:3; Rev. 13:16-18), while _____ the church.

5. Regarding morality and justice, Cultural Marxism views everyone from the standpoint of Marx's class distinction of _____ (*bourgeois*) and _____ (*proletariat*), using relative, _____ of justice, resulting in greater _____ and _____ among people.

- *How did this form of Marxist socialism develop?*

- *What is critical theory and intersectionality?* (Isa. 5:20; Rom. 1:21-32; Jas. 3:13-18)

- *Are the terms justice & equity used in a biblical way in our society?* (Amos 2:4; 5:24; Deut. 28:13; Zech. 8:23)

- *What is the “intersection” that matters most to God?* (1 Cor. 1:18-21)
- *How does God see people?* (Gen. 1:26-28; Acts 17:26; 1 Cor. 1:18-21, 30-31; 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:16-17; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:13-16; Col. 1:20)
- *How are Critical Theory and Christianity different?*

6. Regarding Jesus Christ and the Gospel, socialists have fashioned a different Jesus who was supposedly a socialist _____ and a different Gospel which is about _____ from oppressive social conditions rather than _____ and _____ and its penalty. (1 Cor. 15:3-4; 2 Cor. 4:3-7; 11:3-4)

- *What was Jesus’ mission at His first coming?* (Matt. 4:17, 23-24; 11:3-5; 20:28; John 18:36)

7. Regarding the future, Marxist socialists have believed that man will usher in a _____ on earth with the transition from socialism to pure communism.

- *When will true justice and equity come?* (Isa. 9:6-7; 11:4-10)