

Regarding the recent events & social justice issue related to the tragedy of George Floyd's death, before expressing our church's stance, we'll first focus on the foundational biblical truth - w/o being anchored in, guarded and guided by it, each one of us is partial and still influenced by sin, will view, judge and respond differently or even wrongly, and easily we may end up sin upon sin.

- The Great Commandment: To love God with all our heart, mind & strength, and to love others as ourselves.
- Love, justice, peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, etc. are defined by God's truth, not men's as we are all sinners.
- Ultimately, it's for "*Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come.*"
- We have to work out and wait patiently in this fallen world till the Lord's 2nd coming for its complete fruition.
- Some Bible verses ref. (few listed below): Exo. 20; Lev. 18-19; Jer.17:9; Micah 6:8; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 11:2,4; John 1:14, 18:37; Rom.1; 3:23-25, 13:1-10; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; James 1:21; etc.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Romans 3:23-25

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins.

With such biblical understanding,

- We condemn "White Supremacy" and whatever debase others, such as anti-Semitism, abortion, sex-trafficking, religious persecutions, etc.;
- We grieve for the lives suffered & lost because lack of mercy and/or justice, like George Floyd, many African Americans, and many more;
- We need to do soul searching and repent from our sins of ignorance, omission and commission;
- What we desire to see and need to work on is to have greater degree of godly justice, reconciliation & love being brought forth & applied, that can be achieved only through Jesus Christ; otherwise, resulting only more sins upon sins, divisions, hurts & hatred.

Note:

- 1. "*Black life matters*", yes, but not "*all lives' won't matter until black lives do matter*". Please remember the Holocaust and consider esp. how many babies have been aborted in USA since 1973 (ref. is.gd/boxawu is.gd/elasaq)
- 2. Beware that BLM org & its movement is pro-LGBT, anti-family, see blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe
- 3. Need to educate ourselves about the racism, using biblical discernment always though.
- 4. Must guard against becoming self-righteousness when seeing others have not the same understanding or involvement.

Micah 6:8

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

May the Lord have mercy on us that we'll align our lives to please Him and be His testimonies so that more will be drawn to Him and worship Him.

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