



GRACE OF CHRIST

LOVE WELL WITH DROPS OF GRACE

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Dear Grace of Christ Family,

In light of this past week's guilty verdict given to former Police Officer Derek Chauvin for the tragic death of George Floyd, the words of Micah 6.8 seemed appropriate: "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?"

No matter what you may believe about whether or not justice was served, the death of George Floyd and now the aftermath of the verdict have ramifications for all of us. It will also have ripple effects impacting our country, cities, and families for generations to come. Don't move too quickly beyond these events or ignore the emotions that may have been stirred up within you. Whether there is anger, grief, fear, compassion, or a host of other emotions, they are real. God has created us with emotions. We are responsible for our emotions, and how we react to them. As children of God, as followers of Christ, filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are representatives of the One who is our sovereign and definitive judge, and who is sovereign over all things. We are ambassadors for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5)

Allow the words above from the Prophet Micah guide us as we "do justice", or literally "act with justice" (NIV). We are not to stand in judgment. We are not to be the jury or the judge. We are to live our lives seeking and pursuing justice, which is often very complicated. May the recent events cause us to have compassion and empathy for all, as we "love kindness" and "walk humbly with our God".

So, as only God can do, with the Nation Day of Prayer on May 6th, an event had already been on the calendar for churches and Christians to gather together for prayer. You are welcome to participate on Thursday, May 6th from 12pm to 1pm at Performance Park, 100 Pendleton Way. There will be focused prayer on the "7 Spheres of Influence": Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts and Entertainment, and Businesses.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3.20-21)

Because of Christ, and by His Grace,
Pastor Bill