**Social Justice Biblically Assessed**

***Week II: A Biblical Framework of Justice, Continued***

**Review:**

* The Cry for Justice - a cry that is vocalized in the scriptures such as Psalm 10
* The Importance of Understanding Justice
  + Spiritual Life of the Individual and the Church is at Stake: Proverbs 2:1-22
  + Call for discernment: *Eph 4:14*
  + The Path to Understanding Justice: Seeking the Lord:Proverbs 28:5 *Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.*

**1. Biblical Justice Pertains to God-given rights of mankind pertaining to mankind**

Proverbs 31:9 *Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

**2. Biblical Justice is a matter of respecting, maintaining, promoting, and defending those God-given rights.**

* Leviticus 19:15 *"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*
* **Three basic categories in scripture explaining poverty:**
* **Consider how the Bible speaks about justice in relation to the poor.** 
  + Leviticus 19:13
  + Amos 5:24
  + Micah 6:8

1. **Biblical Justice is Defined by the Transcendent Standard of God’s Word**

* **The Ten Commandments are the standard**
* **Ezekiel 22:1-16 - the exposing of systemic injustice by the true standard**
* **Without the transcendent standard, you cannot establish even the most basic of principles of justice**