

Donna's Devotional

Jesus' Focus: Salvation or Social Justice?

The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. —Luke 19:10

Today it is common to hear phrases like “*social justice*”, “*social order*”, and “*social gospel*”. Many people think that social justice or compensating for the inequalities in society is the key to Christianity. Those words are not found in Scripture. Christ’s focus is on the lost sinful condition of man.

The Lord did not try to right the wrongs of society. He did not try to overturn the existing social order. He dealt with the individual. He showed each person that their sin was the root problem in their lives. He did not attempt to use psychology to meet a person’s need. He did not promise them prosperity and material wealth. He dealt with the real issue—the person’s sin.

Jesus did not even attempt to reform sinners. He did not send them to rehab. He did not come to help better the condition of society, education, or even government. He came to save the individual.

Those who trust Him as their Savior have their sins forgiven and become a new creation in Christ. Jesus did not come to reform society, however the true believers will live in a manner that will have a positive impact on their lives, their families, their neighbors, their community, and society.