

“Taking a Second Look at Healing our Nation”

Books

Jonathan Leeman, *How the Nations Rage: Rethinking Faith and Politics in a Divided Age*, Thomas Nelson, 2018

- shifting our focus from redeeming the nation to living as a nation already redeemed
 - rejecting the false allure of building heaven on earth while living faithfully as citizens of a heavenly kingdom
 - letting Jesus’ teaching shape our public engagement as we love our neighbors and seek justice
- When we identify with Christ more than a political party or social grouping, we can return to the church’s unchanging political task: to become the salt and light Jesus calls us to be and offer the hope of his kingdom to the nations.

Os Guinness, *The Case for Civility: And Why Our Future Depends on It*, HarperOne, 2008.

"Guinness makes a passionate plea to put an end to the culture wars that--rather than creating a public space for real debate--threaten to reverse the very principles our founders set into motion that have long preserved liberty, diversity, and unity in this country. Guinness argues that we must:

- Say “No!” to the sacred public square—we cannot privilege one religion over another; the Christian Right has it wrong
- Say “No!” to the naked public square—public expressions of faith must remain legal; intolerance in the name of tolerance by the secular left is equally wrongheaded.”

Audio, partial interview with Guinness about the book, <https://myfaithradio.com/2011/the-case-for-civility/>, 7:24 min.

Video, partial interview with Guinness, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4741339/user-clip-case-civility-cspan>, 14:24 min.

Audio

Tim Keller, "Serving the City," free sermon on Jer 29:1-14, <https://gospelinlife.com/downloads/serving-the-city-9218/>, 33 min

Video of the same talk is available at <https://youtu.be/2ziAJXT7gok>.

James Forsyth, “The Biblical Basis of Justice,” McLean Presbyterian Church, VA, free sermon on Micah 6:1-8, <https://mcleanpres.org/sermons/the-biblical-basis-of-justice/>, 30 min.

Holy Post Podcast, "FRENCH FRIDAY: The Great American Divorce," Has our animosity and disgust for each other made reconciliation impossible?, Oct. 29, 2021, <https://thephilvischerpodcast.libsyn.com/rss>

The Holy Post Podcast, covers current affairs — inside and outside the church, political and cultural, and social and spiritual issues — from a biblical perspective; entertaining (sometimes silly, as it’s hosted by Phil Visher, creator of Veggie Tales), but also serious.

Quick to Listen Podcast, "Can Christians Justify the Violence on America's Streets?," Video has circulated on social media that appears to show Christian author Eric Metaxas punching a protester in the face following President Trump's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention on the White House lawn. Is this acceptable? Sept 2, 2020, <https://feeds.megaphone.fm/CHRTDY4526201714>

This weekly podcast, produced by Christianity Today magazine, discusses various issues related to current affairs within the church and at the intersection of church and culture. This episode is a sample of the kind of discussion that the hosts and guest engage in.

Newsletter

David French, *The French Press Newsletter*, <https://frenchpress.thedispatch.com/>

The French Press is a newsletter published three times per week by David French, author, attorney, and Iraq veteran. French writes about law, politics, faith culture and the superiority of DC over Marvel." He is a member of the conservative Presbyterian Church in America and writes from a Christian perspective. One can receive his Sunday version of his newsletter for free.

Articles

Tim Keller, "A Biblical Critique of Secular Justice and Critical Theory,"

<https://quarterly.gospelinlife.com/a-biblical-critique-of-secular-justice-and-critical-theory/>

Keller, retired pastor, most recently of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, NYC, critiques secular versions of justice and race from a biblical perspective.

Tim Keller, "What is Doing Justice?," *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just*, Dutton: 2010, https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53189f41e4b0ee73efed7b5a/t/53406335e4b057b06883e180/1396728629487/Chapter_One_Generous_Justice.pdf

"What is Doing Justice?" is Chapter One of the book *Generous Justice*. In the chapter, Keller explores the terms "righteousness" and "justice," especially in the Old Testament.