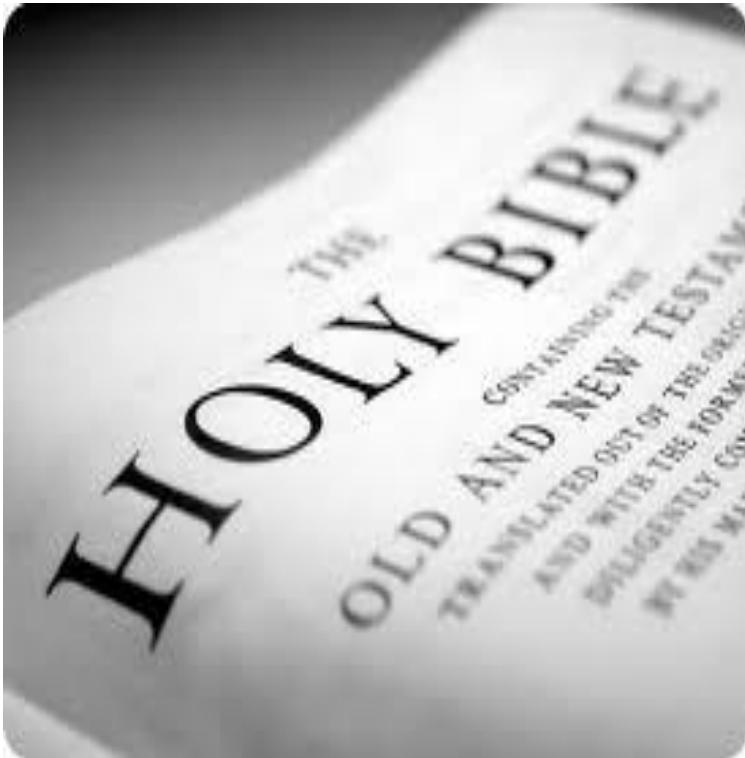


What is Justice?

Learning Outcomes:

- Be able to define and explain justice.
- Give examples of justice and injustice in various contexts and situations.
- Reflect on your responsibility regarding justice in the world.

Church Teachings



- Justice consists in giving what is their due – that which is owed to them.
- Justice recognises the other as a person.
- Justice is a concern when the rights, mana of a person is threatened.

Four Cardinal Virtues

- Justice
- Prudence (wise judgments)
- Temperance (wholeness)
- Fortitude (courage)



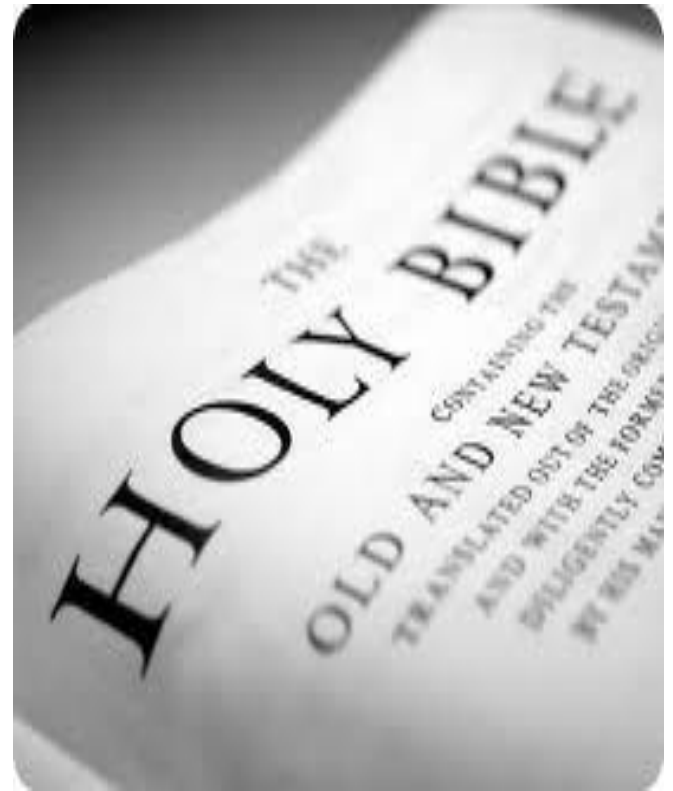
Wise Words on Justice



- Over the centuries many wise words have been written about justice.
- Benjamin Disraeli
- Francis Bacon
- Pope Paul VI
- Martin Luther King Jr
- Textbook pg 3

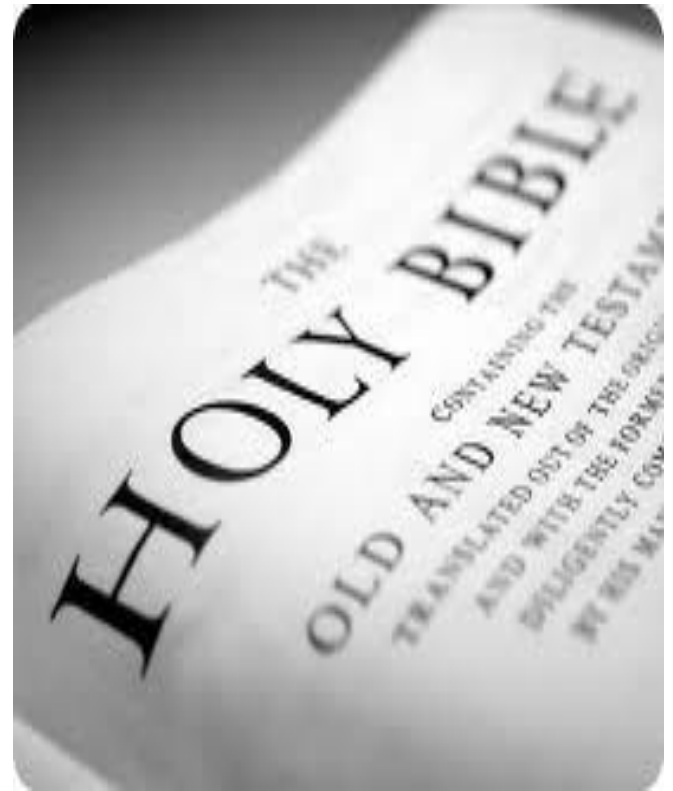
Scripture

- Te Atua creates all things and gives unity, order, and purpose to everything that exists.
- *“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.”*
(Psalm 24: 1)



Scripture

- *“All people are made in the image of God.” (Genesis 1:27)*
- And are made for life in community – with God, with each other, and with the whole creation.



Christian Understanding of Justice

- Respecting the rights of others.
- Carrying out the duties entrusted to us.
- Establishing harmonious and peaceful human relationships.
- Promoting equality among he tangata (people).
- Building up the common good.
- Respecting and caring for the natural world.

Jesus the Model and Fulfillment of Justice

- Justice is central to the life of Christians who see it fulfilled and modelled in the person of Hehu Karaiti.
- By always remaining in right relationship with God and others Jesus illustrated to us what true tika is like
- Scripture (Acts 10:38)



Mercy – the Transformation of Justice

- Justice is closely linked to mercy, a special form of aroha which moves people to go beyond the requirements of justice.
- Mercy transforms justice from within.
- The Parable of the prodigal or lost son (Luke 15: 11 - 32) throws light on the relationship between justice, love and mercy.
- The Parable shows that “*God is love*” (1 John 4:16).