

**We will continue to build our reputation as the Love
the ‘Ville Church through our social concern.**

*“No one loves the poor and the marginalized of this city like
Northeast. Those people are everywhere.”*

Shalom - Peace and Prosperity

physical, spiritual, emotional, and social harmony

Justice - Mishpat

Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of you? To act **justly** **[mishpat]** and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Justice - Mishpat

Lev 24:22 - You shall have **one law [mishpat]** for the alien and for the citizen: for I am the Lord your God.

Justice - Mishpat

Zech 7:9-10 – Thus has the Lord of hosts said, “Dispense true **justice [mishpat]** and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor...

Justice

1. *mishpat* - giving others what they deserve according to God, (rights + dignity) & (law + order)
2. *tsâdaqah* - reconciled and right relationships with both God and others

- Justice (mishpat + tsâdaqah) - Rights & Relationships. Law & Love.
- These two words are tied together over three dozen times in the Bible.
- They are often translated together as “social justice”.
- This biblical vision of justice is the key to establishing shalom.

1. Systemic/Institutional Oppression

- When the judicial system is weighted in favor of the powerful (Lev 19:16)
- Loans with excessive interest (Ex 22:25-27)
- Unjustly low wages (Jer 22:13; Jms 5:1-6)
- Burdensome tax systems (Lk 3:12-13)
- Corrupt and Violent Law Enforcement (Lk 3:14)
- Ethnic/Tribal Prejudice (Acts 18:2; Gal 2:11-21)

2. Personal Moral Failures

- Sloth (Prov 6:6-11)
- Lack of self-discipline (Prov 23:21)
- Dishonesty (Prov 10:2-12)
- Substance abuse (Prov 23:21)
- Marital Unfaithfulness (Prov 6:26)

3.Natural Disasters

- Famine
- Flood
- Plague

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; the government rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

His government shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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Luke 1:78-79 (NLT)

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, “*to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,*” (Isa 9:2) to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Matthew 4:13-17 (NLT)

Jesus left Nazareth and made His home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Matthew 4:13-17 (NLT)

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

Isaiah 9:3-5 (NLT)

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

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Isaiah 9:6-7a (NLT)

For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; the government rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace [*shalom*]. His government shall grow continually...

- Wonderful Counselor – Holy Spirit
- Everlasting Father – Father God
- Prince of Shalom – Jesus Christ
- Mighty God – Three-In-One

Isaiah 9:7 (NLT)

His government shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace [*shalom*] for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice [*mishpat*]

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