

## **The Baptist Faith and Message**

### **XVI. The Christian and the Social Order**

#### **BF&M Statement:**

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ.

In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17	10 Commandments
Deuteronomy 10:12-13	Love/serve God
Matthew 5:13-16,43-48	Living witness
Matthew 22:36-40	Love/serve God
Romans 13:1-7	Civic authority
Acts 5:12-42 (v 18)	Civil disobedience
Colossians 3:12-17, 18-25	Godly living
1 Thessalonians 3:11-13	All people
James 1:27	Orphans and widows