

Socialism

Acts 4:32-36

Socialism, Marxism, Communism, Cultural Marxism

1. What is Marxism?

2. What is Cultural Marxism?

"The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops."
2 Timothy 2:6 (NASB)

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"
Isaiah 5:20 (NASB)

3. What does the Bible say about Marxism?

- Christianity affirms the right of private property.
- Marxism confiscates possession; Christianity cultivates generosity.

"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15 (NASB)

"Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God."
Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 (NASB)

- Christianity affirms the dignity of work.

"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need." Ephesians 4:28 (NASB)

- Christianity teaches an equality of opportunity; Marxism creates an equality of misery.
- Marxism removes people's trust from God to government.

"And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free- men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name."
Revelation 13:16-17 (NASB)