



CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

The Movement To Reclaim Christianity And Transform American Politics

Christian Values

"If we are to go forward, we must go back and rediscover those precious values - that all reality hinges on moral foundations and that all reality has spiritual control."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Values Matter.

Our values are our bedrock ideals about what is good or bad, what is right or wrong, what is moral or immoral. Our values are at the center of Reclaiming Christianity in America.

Diverse Perspectives. One Source.

People in this movement hold diverse views about religion and the Christian life. But our differences are not what define us. Rather it is what we have in common: We find the inspiration for our shared values in the life of Jesus, in the spiritual path he modeled for us.

How We Seek to Follow the Jesus of the Gospels – Seven Values We Share:

- **Spiritual Foundation**
 - We turn to God as our spiritual foundation
- **Responsibility and Obligation**
 - We heed the call to take up our cross – to transform our lives, but also to do more: to move beyond the “personal” and to take responsibility in our communities and country
- **Compassion and Care for “The Least of These”**
 - We follow Jesus’ call to compassion and his command to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”
- **Justice for All**
 - We stand against powerful systems of human injustice in our world as Jesus stood against them in his
- **Equality and Inclusiveness**
 - Like Jesus did among women, tax collectors, Samaritans and others, we reject hurtful exclusionary distinctions between “us” and “them”
- **Right Use of Power**
 - We turn away from fear; we use the power of God that flows through us to protect the innocent and build justice in the world, not to coerce others to our will or force others to accept our vision
- **Faithful Stewardship**
 - We follow Jesus’ call for responsible stewardship – caring protection for the environment and sharing of our worldly treasure

What Grows from Living These Values? – The Creation of Shalom, A Hard-Earned Peace

Living these values requires hard work. But it is in living values out that the kingdom of God is established. The result is called Shalom, the well-being and wholeness of all. This is what the word “Peace” means.