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Dear Friends,

Many of us are appalled by things we have seen this week, and as usual, these scenes have overshadowed both some glimmers of hope and the deeper issues as well.

The ultimate problem we face is sin. The killing of George Floyd was sinful, to a lesser extent, the looting, riots and some of the heavy-handed reactions were sinful, but even avoiding the problem can be sinful too, because it enables a whole system of sin to go on unchallenged.

A fundamental doctrine of ours, is that every person is made equally in the image of God and therefore when we sin against a person, or a whole race of people, we sin also against God. As believers, when we see someone suffer, we should not be content simply to pass on by and do nothing. We should step in. How we do that in a godly way is the next question.

Christians have a unique message of hope and grace to change this sinful world. But this is not a time to pontificate, lecture, or signal our good. Rather, it is a time to learn, repent, and then to serve.

If you are concerned by what you have seen and if you want to think about this subject from a Christian perspective, may I encourage you please to read the excellent letters from our [Bishop](#) and [Archbishop](#), re-watch Ben Hughes's wonderful short Minute by Minute (MxM) [videos](#) and to consider joining the new book study that Rev. Ben Wulpi is hosting.

Yours in Christ,



Rev'd Alex