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CALLING TO JUSTICE THROUGH FAITH JUSTICE:
SOCIAL JUSTICE IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS

Abstract

My main interest is to position *a calling to social justice* in biblical theology of missions. I hope to enhance the understanding of *a calling to social justice* by employing two analytical devices: [a] a personal response to York's argument for the singularity of *missio Dei* in Scripture (York, 1996) and [b] an application of Segundo's hermeneutical circle to the understanding of *a calling to social justice* in Mozambique and South Africa prior to the peace accord and independence, respectively. I propose that a Biblical Theology of Missions characterized by the centrality, not singularity, of *missio Dei* and the application of Segundo's hermeneutical circle are indispensable to a personal understanding and active response to *a calling to social justice*.

Description of the Presentation

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