

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – 10TH DECEMBER

Human Rights

Human Rights Day commemorates the day, back in 1948 when the UN adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This declaration was formed in response to the horrors witnessed in World War Two, including, but not exclusive to the crimes committed against people of the Jewish religion. The UNDHR provides a list of rights we are all entitled to, regardless of race, religion, gender etc.

This year, it calls on us all to stand up for someone's rights. It is fair to say that 2016 can be seen as a year in which humanity has been divisive – with major votes such as Brexit causing many issues and questions about Human Rights of different groups. One of the reasons that such horrors were seen in WW2 was because people were too scared to stand up to the hatred being shown. Let's make sure we don't make the same mistake again.

Eleanor Roosevelt was the Chairperson for discussion on the UNDHR, she said,

“Where, after all do human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world.

Unless these rights are seen there, they have little

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Relates to us

What does this day mean for us?

Quite simply – we're all human. All of us are protected by the UNDHR so it's our duty to uphold human rights and hold others to account when they abuse them.

A lot more than you think depends on or links to the UNDHR. You're entitled to your education, when you leave us and get a job, you're entitled to a fair wage. You're entitled to freedom, to a fair trial should you ever get into trouble. Remember Martin Neimoller's words, “First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Jew.

It is our duty to always stand out against hatred or human rights abuses. We must stand up for those who are suffering.

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Lord, we place these people and situations before you and ask you to help. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Biblical link



In Luke 10, Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He told this Parable to explain why we should 'Love our neighbour.'

In this Parable, the person we least expect to help (because Jews and people from Samaria didn't get along) is the one that does.

We should all try to be like the Samaritan and stand up whenever needed.

It also shows how we should follow Articles 1 and 2 of the UNDHR and treat everyone as equals and not judge them on their religion, race, age, appearance etc.

Key Questions and activities....

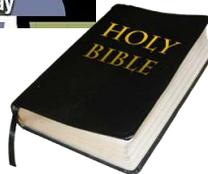
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<http://www.truetube.co.uk/event/human-rights-day> for more videos or ideas about HRD.

Which right do you think is more important?
Should everyone get human rights? Think criminals etc...

Thought for the day

Daily bible reading



Once again this theme links to all of our British Values, but in particular, **individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance.**

If we all work to follow these British Values then we are also working to follow the UNDHR.

We must respect the freedom of others and their right to have their beliefs. We must also challenge them when their views become offensive or they act upon them and become abusive towards others.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help us to stand up for those in need. Give us the strength and courage to speak out against injustice.

Teach us and help us to 'treat others as we'd like to be treated.'

Amen