



**PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
*Poverty is a Life Issue*

***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4: 18)***

The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to change our lives—overcome our sinful habits and addictions, save our marriages and families, make us responsible people. However, if the gospel that we preach does not "bring good news to the poor," well then, it is simply not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To the political leaders of this capitol city: the days when you could win the support of the religious community by merely speaking the language of family values and the sacredness of life while ignoring the desperate plight of poor people in this wealthy nation and around the world are over. Because for a growing number of people of faith across the political spectrum, you will now be held accountable for how the leadership you offer and the policies you support impact the lives of those whom Jesus called "the least of these."

You see, poverty is a life issue.

(Excerpts taken from Jim Wallis' address at the Call to Renewal Conference, Washington D.C., June 2006)

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