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Means GOD

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." [John 13:34-35]

A great number of us in the United States of America call ourselves "Christians." What should that mean? It means we have been called by Jesus Christ to follow Him. Jesus told an official: *"There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."* [Luke 18:22] If we are called to follow Christ, then we are called to act like Christ. This means to follow the example of Christ in loving everyone, regardless of who they are, where they are from, how they look, or what language they speak.

We are not called to hoard places, property, or possessions for ourselves, but to share what we have with one another "without exception." Our Lord told Jacob: *Then God said to him: I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed an assembly of nations, will stem from you, and kings will issue from your loins.* [Gen. 35:11] From these many nations, Jesus Christ came to call us back as one flock, one people in Him. This is why Christians are called, as disciples of Christ, to love

one another as He loves us.

Yet, the current government administration that we have is working to separate us from one another, not just migrants, but many, especially people of color, who have been denied for far too long, equal opportunities in education, social recognition, and economic growth, truly denying the *DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING!*

This administration wants to erase ***Diversity***, ***Equity***, and ***Inclusion*** from the American conscience. However, just think about the letters, **D.E.I.**

D.E.I., *Dei* means **God** in Latin, and:
God is ***Diversity***: *"Then God said to him: I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed an assembly of nations, will stem from you, and kings will issue from your loins."* **[Genesis 35:11]**
Diversity reaches out to all people, regardless of where one is from or their station in life.

God is ***Equity***: *"Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. The works of his hands are true and just, reliable all his decrees, Established forever and ever, to be observed with truth and equity. He sent release to his people, decreed his covenant forever; holy and fearsome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of*

wisdom; prudent are all who practice it. His praise endures forever." **[Psalm 111:2, 7-10]**

Equity is the **truth** of the justice of God applied to everyone, regardless of where people are from, with ***love***.

God is ***Inclusion***: *And all Israel, resident alien and native alike, with their elders, officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark facing the levitical priests who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. Half of them were facing Mount Gerizim and half Mount Ebal, just as Moses, the servant of the LORD, had first commanded for the blessing of the people of Israel. Then were read aloud all the words of the law, the blessings and the curses, exactly as written in the book of the law. Every single word that Moses had commanded, Joshua read aloud to the entire assembly,* ***including*** *the women and children, and the resident aliens among them."* **[Joshua 8:33-35]**

Inclusion is living the law of the Lord as one. That law is to ***love*** God by the way we ***love*** one another.

D.E.I. to me means that **God** is **always** working **among** us and **through** us for the **eternal life** of each of us. This is what the *Subcommittee for African American Affairs* of the *Committee on Cultural Diversity* is working toward, for Black Americans, in fact, for all Americans.