

# SOCIETY OF APOSTOLIC EXECUTIVES

## APRIL 28 BREAKFAST MEETING

### BOOK REVIEW and CASE STUDY

A Book Review of Alexander Hill's "Just Business, Christian Ethics for the Workplace," 2008 Second Edition, InterVarsity Press and his solution to the April 28 breakfast meeting case study follows:

"Hill, in this updated edition, carefully explores the foundational Christian concepts of holiness, justice and love. He then shows how some common responses to business ethics fall short of a fully Christian response. Finally he turns to penetrating case studies on such pressing topics as employer-employee relations, discrimination and affirmative action, and environmental damage." Hill, "Just Business" dust cover.

"I wish that all business leaders would struggle with the cases presented in this book, their principles and rationale. It is an excellent tool for managers who struggle with how to apply Christian ethics in the marketplace. 'Just Business' is full of challenge and hope—well written, balanced and informative." Howard Butt, author, "Renewing America's Soul" back cover.

Mr. Hill uses case studies and their solutions to demonstrate that Christian ethics in business is not a set of rules but the changeless character of God. And when we behave in a manner consistent with God's character, we act ethically.

For our actions and decisions to be consistent with God's character, Mr Hill argues that they include the three divine characteristics of God that have a direct bearing on ethical decision-making: God is holy. God is just. God is loving.

"Christian ethics requires all three characteristics to be taken into account when decisions are made. . . . Christian ethics does not involve either-or analysis—as if we could chose between holiness, justice and love—but rather a synthesis in which all three conditions must be met before an action can be considered moral. Each, like a leg on a three-legged stool, balances the other two." Pgs. 15-17.