

Week 6 – The Justice of God

God Time: Day 1



Define *justice*:



Genesis 18:25 *Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?*



Is justice always fair?

If we always want justice to be fair, who's doing the judging?



Romans 2:15-16

¹⁵ *They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them* ¹⁶ *on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.*



Circle who is the judge and how justice is served in this verse.

God Time: Day 2



A judge has two sentences from which to choose; to punish or to forgive. What do we deserve?



John 5:22-24



²² *For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,* ²³ *that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.* ²⁴ *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*



What must we do to receive forgiveness?

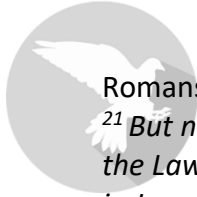


Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Have you received God's gift? _____

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God Time: Day 3



Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:



²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



List five observations about God's justice in this passage:

- 1 _____

- 2 _____

- 3 _____

- 4 _____

- 5 _____



Psalm 97:2b

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

How do righteousness and justice intertwined or work together?



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God Time: Day 4



Is there a specific event in your past where someone treated you unjustly that still bothers you now?



Romans 12:14-21



¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



What will you do today in response to the event listed above?

God Time: Day 5



Psalms 73:21-26

²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.



When we take justice into our own hands, who are we battling?



Write 1 Peter 3:18 on a piece of paper and share it with someone this week.

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.*