
And Justice for All Pt. 2

**Ivy Baptist Church Bible Study
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Goals of this series:

- To develop clear definitions of justice from a Biblical sense
- To gain a clear understanding of the responsibility of EVERY believer when it comes to justice
- To identify opportunities where believers (and churches) can bring awareness and (hopefully) change in areas where justice is needed

Opening Thoughts:

- Character reflects the moral and ethical qualities of a person
- Character is what guides a person ESPECIALLY when no one is watching! It's the CORE of WHO they are and HOW they live and treat others

Today's Study: Our God is a JUST God!

- Biblical Justice is not just about being fair and impartial
- Biblical justice also includes LOVING-KINDNESS in being impartial
- The underlying reason WHY God does what He does is out of LOVE not Hate or Fear!
- God doesn't just want justice. God IS Just!
- Justice is at the CORE of who God is!
- You can't truly know God until you appreciate His justice!

Deuteronomy 32:4: "He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He" (NIV)

Key Points:

- #1: God is a ROCK: Stable and "hard to move"
- #2: God's Works are PERFECT: His actions are ALWAYS right!
- #3: ALL of God's ways are JUST! Based on fairness and LOVE!
- #4: God is FAITHFUL: God is TRUSTWORTHY. We can count on God!
- #5: God does NO wrong! Sin is NOT in God's nature
- #6: Just is He: God ALWAYS does what is LEGALLY, MORALLY and ETHICALLY right with impartiality and LOVE

Jesus is ALSO Just!

John 5:30: “By Myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please Myself but the One who sent Me” (NIV)

Key Points:

- John 5:19-30 is a section where Jesus expresses UNITY with God
- John 5:19 and John 5:30 begin the same: Jesus can do NOTHING without the Father
- Jesus states in this section that EVERYTHING He does is because of His connection to the Father
- Jesus’ judgements are JUST
- His judgments are just because He seeks to please GOD not Himself!
- Jesus wants to do the will of God. If God’s will is JUST then Jesus MUST also be JUST!

One of the BEST verses in scripture that shows Jesus being just based on impartiality and loving kindness:

Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to Me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon You and learn from Me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. 30For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (NIV)

Conclusion on God and Jesus being JUST:

- God is just because God’s ways are just
- Jesus is just because He has the SAME nature as the Father
- God and Jesus are LEGALLY, MORALLY and ETHICALLY FAIR!