



## Sermon Notes: Just God

Intro:

### 1. The Meaning of God's Justice.

God always responds rightly to both good and evil because he himself is righteous.

### 2. Some Implications of God's Justice.

a. God's righteousness is the standard for God's justice.

b. We're all on the wrong side of God's standard.

c. Jesus puts us on the right side of God's standard.

### 3. Our Response to God's Justice.

a. Live justly, not to earn God's blessing, but because you already have it.

b. Seek and do justice for others.

c. Hope and trust in the final justice of God.



## Gospel Applications: Just God

1. What is our culture's perception of the Bible's teaching that God is a just God who punishes *every* sin? What do you suppose are some underlying reasons for this perception?
2. Give an example of a time you suffered from some form of injustice. What were the consequences to you? How did that injustice make you feel?
3. Compare and contrast the biblical concept of justice with the progressive concept of justice. How are they alike? At what key points do they differ?
4. Think back to the first instance of unrighteousness recorded in the Bible. What was the essence of Eve's sin? How are we all still doing the same thing today when we sin?
5. Many religions teach that the remedy for unrighteousness is the doing of more righteousness (picturing a pair of scales that ultimately tip in your favor). What are some problems with this understanding of righteousness?
6. Why can't God "just forgive" sinners?
7. The Gospel is that, 1) God imputed our sin to Christ, so he was punished in our place, and 2) God imputed Christ's righteousness to us, so we receive the blessing he deserves.
  - How is this transaction just?
  - What remedy does this give you for when you sin?
  - How does this transform your daily practice of righteousness?
8. Where do you observe injustice in everyday life? Who are the victims of that injustice? What are they suffering? Practically, what could it look like to seek justice for them? What could it look like to do justice for them?
9. Where are you being called to wait on the final justice of God? (What in your life remains unfair/unreconciled?) How does hoping/trusting in the perfect justice of God transform the way you react to that situation?