

No Justice, No Peace / Know God's Justice, Know Real Peace

Introduction:

Over the last few weeks we have seen various signs concerning social injustice, demands for action, and political solutions. The one that stood out to me was the signs and chants "No justice, no peace." That is a pretty powerful slogan but what does that mean in our relationship to each other and to God.

I) Definitions

A) **Justice** - _____.

1. Just laws protect the innocent and punishes the law breaker. **Romans 13:1 -4**
2. How do we determine what is just/fair/righteous?
3. God's _____ defines what is fair and just. **Leviticus 19:35 -36, Exodus 21.24**

B) **Peace** – _____

1. God's law promotes _____. **Proverbs 16:7**
2. "LOVE HIS _____ AS HIMSELF", Matthew 22.39 there would be peace.

C) **No Justice, No Peace**

1. The statement itself recognizes the need for "justice" and therefore the need for "law."
2. God's purpose in His law is to create _____ and _____. **Isaiah 1:17.**

II) Know God's Justice, Know Real Peace

A) **God is _____ and we will receive justice Isaiah 45:21**

1. His _____ is Just - **Psalms 19:8**
2. We cannot judge God's Law - **James 4:11**
3. Jesus says we will receive justice before God - **Matthew 16:27**
4. With God there is no _____, **Romans 2.11, Acts 10.34.**

B) **God's Law and His Grace**

1. God's law condemns us all as _____ – **Romans 3.23**
2. Justice demands the penalty for sin be paid – **Romans 6.23a.**
3. God's grace is exhibited in His Law and not outside of or despite His law.
4. Grace is used in the Old Testament but fulfilled in the New Testament. **John 1:17**

C) **Peace – in and through Christ, Luke 2:10 -14**

1. Christ came to establish justice, mercy, and peace.
2. With _____ - **Acts 10:35 -37**
3. Between man and his _____ - **Ephesians 2:14 -15**

III) Romans 3.21-36 Brings This All Together

A) **God is righteous**

1. The Old Law and Prophets point to something _____, v. 21
2. This is to those who believe in _____, v. 22.
3. Our righteousness is not based on our perfect in law, v. 23

B) **In Christ, v. 24**

1. Those who believe in Christ are made just (declared righteous) by God's grace.
2. _____ – Jesus paid the price for our sins.
3. _____ –the righteous anger of God being satisfied by Jesus' blood, **v. 25**
4. By His cleansing blood we are made just (free from sin), **v. 26.**