

"The Church with a Welcome for All!"

North Warren

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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What exactly is the justice of
God and how should we respond to it?

Sunday Schedule:

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Regular Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Handicap Accessible at Church Street Entrance.



October 14, 2018
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor
Kris Soderberg, Organist

*"We trust God's Spirit to work in us, through our
words and deeds, wherever we are."*

Prelude

Passing The Friendship Registers

Please sign the friendship register, your name only if you attend regularly, completely if you are new or visiting.

Announcements

Video

"Closed Circuit"

***Hymn**

"How Great Thou Art"

No. 147

***Invocation**

***The Lord's Prayer** (we will use the words "debts" and "debtors")

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" No. 816

Junior Sermon

Rev. Ward

Sermon

"The Justice of God"

Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

No. 343

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us.
We pray that this hour will be a blessing to you.*

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Lay leader today is Lynn Bricker.

Ushering today is Nancy Bullock.

Sound Booth Operator today is Gary Brumagin.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Kathy Whittemore in memory of Bob Whittemore.

Greeting the congregation at the close of the service today are Rev. Buddy and Anne Ward at the State Street door and Lynn Bricker and Sandy Ransom at the Church Street door.

After Church Coffee host is Ruth Morrison. You will want to stop into Fellowship Hall to enjoy a snack and some conversation as you nourish yourself in more than one way.

Please make note of the Volunteer Request Sheets that you will find in your bulletin this morning or on the table outside the Church Office. Please do your part to keep the church operating.

If you still have not yet started with The Real God program in Sunday School, it's not too late. Join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM. At the least, check out the Chip Ingram video and download the family discussion guide at REALGODCHURCH.COM/VIEW

Bible Studies are offered in our church for both men and women. Ladies Morning Bible Study meets every other Monday morning. Interested women should see Gloria Lindell. Gentlemen have Thursday evening Men's Bible Study. The men's group has just recently started a new study on "Meeting God," so this is a great time to join in.

Halloween Candy Needed — We need donations of wrapped candy for the Halloween Community Event, sponsored by our church, and held at the Dave Clark Pavilion. If you are willing to help provide candy and/or individually wrapped items, (candy, pretzels, etc.) please drop them by the church office. Thank you.

Halloween in the Park is coming quickly. October 31st is on a Wednesday this year and is the evening when we give out candy and hot dogs to over 200 guests and serve as a great rest stop for many trick-or-treaters in North Warren, a busy hub for the Halloween tradition. We invite you to participate in our "Trunk-or-Treat. This is one of our most attended outreach events of the year. We hope that you will come and have a good time, too.

Prayer Requests Today:

- Port Allegany, Commissioned Pastor Garen Smith, Rev. Bill Mills (HR),
- All health care patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Our church and pastor,
- Every charitable act is a stepping-stone toward heaven.
– Henry Ward Beecher–

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 14

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
After Church Coffee – Ruth
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, October 15

- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells

Wednesday, October 17

- 7:00 PM Youth Recreation

Sunday, October 21

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Session

THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

WEEK SIX: THE JUSTICE OF GOD

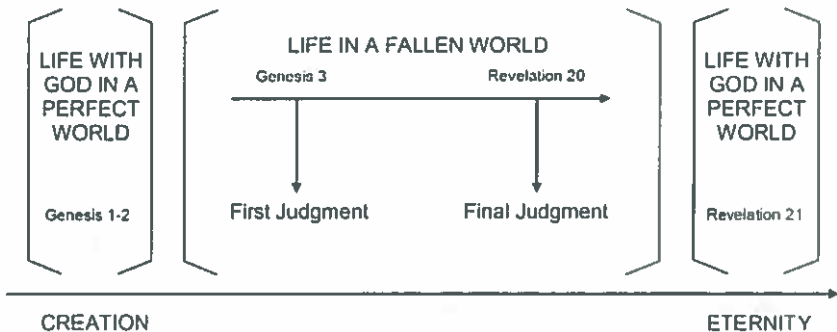
Introduction: Two questions that disturb believers and unbelievers alike

1. Why do bad things happen to good people?
2. Why do good things happen to bad people?

The real issue is . . . "Life is not fair!"

The deeper question is ... "Does that mean God's not fair?"

A Biblical World View



Defining the Justice of God:

- Revealed through Abraham

Abraham speaking to God –

"Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Genesis 18:25

- Revealed through the Psalmist

The Psalmist speaking of God –

"Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne."

Psalm 97:2

"Justice embodies the idea of moral equity... Judgment is the application of equity to moral situations and may be favorable or unfavorable according to whether the one under examination has been equitable or inequitable in heart and conduct."

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

*"... God's work as Judge is part of its witness to God's character ... It shows us also that the heart of the justice which expresses God's nature is retribution, the rendering to humans, what they have deserved; for this is the essence of the judge's task. To reward good with good, and evil with evil, is natural to God. So, when the New Testament speaks of the final judgment, it always represents it in terms of retribution. God will judge all people, it says, 'according to their works'."
(Matthew 16:27, Revelation 20:12)*

- J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

5. Through the promise of **ETERNAL RETRIBUTION**

- For Unbelievers Hebrews 9:27
- For Believers 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

How are we to respond to God's Justice?

1. **CHOOSE** to embrace Jesus today as your Savior rather than meet Him as your righteous Judge later.
John 5:22-24, 1 Peter 3:18
2. **REFUSE** to take revenge when treated unjustly knowing God and God alone is judge.
Romans 12:17-21
3. **PONDER** deeply your time, talent, and treasure in view of the Judgment Seat of Christ and the injustices in our world.
1 Corinthians 3:10-15, 2 Corinthians 5:10

Application:

1. Pray and ask God to reveal if you need to forgive anyone who has treated you unjustly.
2. Pray and ask God if you need to ask anyone for forgiveness because you have treated them unjustly.
3. What injustice in our world bothers you to the point of doing something about it? Will you? When? How?

How does God reveal God's Justice to us?

1. Through the NATURAL order

Romans 1:18-20

2. Through the HUMAN HEART

Romans 2:15-16

3. Through God's role as JUDGE

Hebrews 12:23, 2 Timothy 4:8, John 5:22

"These, then are the two points I wanted to make. First, that human beings, all over the earth, have this curious idea that they ought to behave in a certain way, and cannot really get rid of it. Secondly, that they do not in fact behave in that way. They know the Law of Nature; they break it. These two facts are the foundation of all clear thinking about ourselves and the universe we live in."

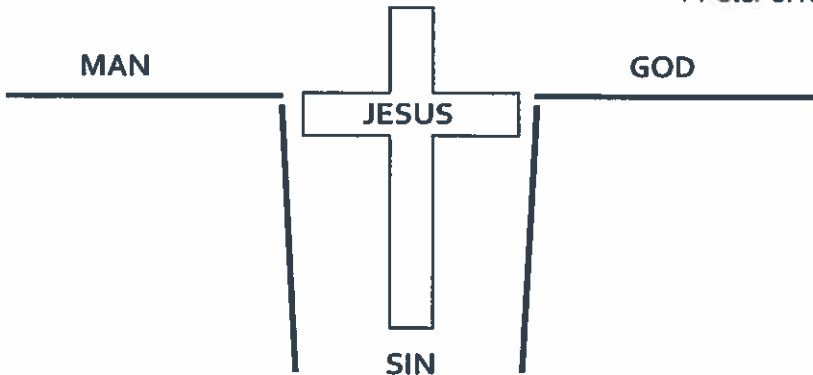
- C.S. Lewis

4. Through the CROSS

Romans 3:25-26

For Christ also died for sins, once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit..."

1 Peter 3:18



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