

GOD IS...

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JUST MEANS GOD ALWAYS _____.

GOD PROVES HE IS JUST BY...

1. BEING _____ WITH HIS _____.

"But," some might say, "our sinfulness serves a good purpose, for it helps people see how righteous God is. Isn't it unfair, then, for him to punish us?" (This is merely a human point of view.) Of course not! If God were not entirely fair, how would he be qualified to judge the world? "But," someone might still argue, "how can God condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?" And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, "The more we sin, the better it is!" Those who say such things deserve to be condemned.

Romans 3:5-8 NLT

2. NOT SHOWING _____.

Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies." "Snake venom drips from their lips." "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." "They rush to commit murder. Destruction and misery always follow them. They don't know where to find peace." "They have no fear of God at all."

Romans 3:9-18 NLT

3. SETTING A _____.

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. Romans 3:19-20 NLT

4. SENDING _____ TO _____ FOR _____.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. Romans 3:23-26 NLT

SO WHAT?

There is joy for those who deal justly with others and always do what is right. Psalms 106:3 NLT

ACTING _____ IS NOT THE _____ OR _____,
BUT WHEN I DO, I AM _____ OF THE _____ THAT IT WILL _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of "Just" or "Justice"?
2. How is God's Justice different from some of the Justice we see in our world today?
3. Why is it important for God to be Just?
4. How does what you heard in the message change the way you think about God and how He acts Justly?
5. Which of the things that we talked about in the message helped you understand God and His Justice the most?
6. How would our World, our Community, your Life be Different if people acted Justly like God does?
7. What is a specific way that you can follow God's example and act Justly this week?