

Transforming Grace
Grace's Fruit
Luke 11:37-44

Getting Started

- ❖ How do you see the theme of “doing justice” interacting with and fulfilling our Church’s Mission of *Bringing gospel restoration to people’s deepest needs and our broken world*?
- ❖ Which of our church’s values intersect with “doing justice”?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Isaiah 1:10-28**
 - What word, phrases and concepts in this passage communicate the importance of doing justice?
 - Based on this passage, what does “doing justice” look like?
 - What are God’s promises to those who live justly and righteously?
 - What are some of the examples in this passage that illustrate what it looks like to neglect justice?
 - Do you believe this passage is only for the Israelites of that time or is it communicating a transcendent spiritual truth?
- ❖ **Read Job 29:11-17**
 - In this passage Job is perplexed and defending himself against false accusations.
 - How does this passage inform the theme of “doing justice”?
 - Can we define justice as only “punishing criminals” based on this passage?
- ❖ **Read Micah 6:8 and 1 John 3:17**
 - How do these verses impact your understanding of the importance of justice?
 - In what way do these verses help us see that “doing justice” isn’t a work of the flesh but the fruit of a changed life that starts with the heart?

Think About It

Many readers may be asking at this point why we are calling private giving to the poor “justice.” Some Christians believe that justice is strictly mishpat—the punishment of wrongdoing, period. This does not mean they think believers should be indifferent to the plight of the poor, but they would insist that helping the needy through generous giving should be called mercy, compassion or charity—not justice.

In English, however, the word “charity” conveys a good but optional activity. Charity cannot be a requirement, for then it would not be charity. But this view does not fit in with the strength or balance of the biblical teaching. In the Scripture, gifts to the poor are called “acts of righteousness,” as in Matthew 6:1-2. Not giving generously, then, is not stinginess but unrighteousness, a violation of God’s law. (Tim Keller)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

February 3, 2019 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WORSHIP SONGS

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME (WE CROWN YOU)

Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793

Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.

We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

I AM

Words and Music by David Crowder and Ed Cash, 2013

There's no space that his love can't reach; there's no place where we
can't find peace. There's no end to amazing grace.

Take me in with your arms spread wide; take me in like an orphan
child. Never let go, never leave my side.

I am holding on to you; I am holding on to you.

In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am.

Love like this O my God to find; I am overwhelmed with a joy divine;
Love like this sets our hearts on fire.

This is my resurrection song; this is my hallelujah come.
This is why it's to you I run.

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

**Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram,
and Leslie Jordan, 2012**

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

*It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to You only.*

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord.
And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord.

GOD IS LOVE

Words by Paxson Jeancake / Music by Paxson & Allison Jeancake, 2018

We love You God because You first loved us; this is the wonder
of the cross. The hardest heart is not too far for grace; this is the
wonder of the cross. This is the wonder of our God.

The Spirit dwells in us that we may love through the power of the
cross. And we confess the Son of God is Lord through the power
of the cross. O the power of our God.

*If we abide in love, we abide in God. He will be with us,
God is love. You sent Your only Son; on the cross He hung.
O the love, perfect love, God is love.*

May Your word abide in us to love; for the glory of the cross.
And may we bear the fruit of life in You;
for the glory of the cross. For the glory of our God.

Your perfect love can cast away our fear; behold the wondrous
cross. To know the God of love is to live the love of God;
behold the wondrous cross.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 23; Isaiah 51:9-16; Heb. 11:8-16; John 7:14-31

MONDAY | Ps. 73; Isaiah 51:17-23; Gal. 4:1-11; Mark 7:24-37

TUESDAY | Ps. 12; Isaiah 52:1-12; Gal. 4:12-20; Mark 8:1-10

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 134; Is. 52:13-53:12; Gal. 4:21-31; Mk. 8:11-26

THURSDAY | Ps. 26; Isaiah 54:1-17; Gal. 5:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1

FRIDAY | Ps. 84; Isaiah 55:1-13; Gal. 5:16-24; Mark 9:2-13

SATURDAY | Ps. 149; Isaiah 56:1-8; Gal. 5:25-6:10; Mark 9:14-29

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

O God of all the prophets,
you knew us and chose us
before you formed us in the womb.
Fill us with faith that speaks your word,
hope that does not disappoint,
and love that bears all things for your sake,
until that day when we shall know you fully,
even as we are known by you. Amen.



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