

# Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of June 5, 2022 A.D.

## **Followers of Christ Are to Do What It Is Right and Just and Fair**

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read Proverbs 1:1-3**

A proverb is: a general truth; a fundamental principle; or, a rule of conduct.

1. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “God has given to every person a conscience by which to know the difference between right behavior and wrong behavior so that all wrong behavior is willful and deliberate.”
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Any spoken word or any action which properly falls into the category of being that which is “right” is always good, proper, and conforming to reality and truth.”
3. Which human authorities should be and/or are responsible for defining and/or enforcing “right” behavior among humans: (a) national and/or regional government; (b) all and/or some adults; (c) parents; (d) family households; and/or (e) some other authorities within the culture?
4. In your opinion, are the Christians in America more disciplined, prudent, righteous, just, and fair than the non-Christians in America? If so, why and how? If not, what does that say about American Christians?

The definition of just is: “conforming to a standard of correctness; acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good.”

5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “The definition of just is meaningless if the Judeo-Christian God of the Bible does not exist.”
6. What is “sin”? Does justice absolutely require that all sin be punished regardless of the degree and/or the severity of the harm resulting from sin? Would sin need to be punished if (a) there is no God and (b) God were not holy, righteous, and just?

The definition of fair is: “marked by impartiality and honesty; free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism; conforming with the established rules; allowed.”

7. Is “fairness” required in order for a civilized society to sustain its existence? In order for fairness to exist, must there first exist: (a) a God to whom every human must ultimately give an account for everything expressed in words or in deeds? and (b) a verifiable standard by which fairness is always determined?
  
8. Does “fairness” really matter in the grand scheme of things?
  
9. In your opinion, is any law which is contrary to the teachings of the Bible (a) righteous, (b) just, and/or (c) fair?
  
10. In your opinion, can any judge or elected official at any level of American government consistently do what is (a) right, (b) just, and/or (c) fair if that judge does strictly adhere to a biblical worldview?
  
11. Do you have an obligation to Jesus, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit to conform your life to that behavior which the Bible teaches to be (a) right, (b) just, and/or (c) fair? If not, why not? If so, what is the pro-active approach which you are taking to do so?

### **Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

12. Is every human who does not have “faith in Christ” condemned to hell regardless of their behavior? Can good works alone save a person from the eternal damnation and suffering of hell? Is a person who is “saved by grace through faith” absolutely free to live as they so desire without any consequences for their behavior?

**Consider:** As followers of Christ Jesus, we are commanded to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. Therefore, we are obligated to discipline ourselves to seek, know, and do that which is “right and just and fair.” “You think about that.” Amen.