



**Sermon Title: "The Justice and Righteousness of God"**

**Scripture: Romans 3:9-26**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Note: God is righteous and just, and we have been created in His image. Therefore, we are hardwired to be aware of, and to think in terms of, right and wrong, justice and injustice.

***Romans 2:14-16 -***

### **I. KNOWING, LOVING, AND SURVIVING A GOD WHO IS RIGHTEOUS AND JUST**

#### **A. We should see God's justice and righteousness as...**

1) ...an essential part of all that God is and all that God does.

***Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 19:9; Romans 3:21-22a; Psalm 89:14 -***

2) ...sharply contrasted against our injustice and unrighteousness.

***Romans 3:9-18; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:19-20; Isaiah 55:8-9 -***

3) ...demonstrated and magnified in Christ, at the cross, in our salvation.

***Romans 3:23-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21 -***

In response...

1. Treasure this truth.

2. Pray diligently in response to this truth. (Luke 18:7-8)

3. Speak freely and openly about what Jesus has done. (2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 11:28-30)

4. Follow, imitate your wise, just, loving, righteous God. (Micah 6:8; 2 Peter 3:13)

**Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

1. Why do we care so much about matters of justice, fairness, right, and wrong? Why do we even think in those terms?
2. How does God know what is right, just, and good? What's the standard of these things?
3. Why is it wrong to lie, deceive, murder, and/or be proud/arrogant?
4. Why is our sin such a big deal? Why does it matter?
5. What does Jesus' death on the cross have to do with justice and righteousness?
6. How can a person be made righteous and receive the righteousness of Christ?
7. Why should we love righteousness and justice and be committed to these things?