

Justice

A very basic definition of justice is a person getting what they deserve.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 NLT

17 “For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed. 18 He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.

Tim Keller

To do justice is becoming concerned about the most vulnerable, poor, and marginalized members of our society, and then making long-term personal sacrifices in order to serve their interest, needs, and cause.

John 20:19-22 NLT

19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps sometimes we are not desperate for the Holy Spirit is because we are not desperate for missions.

Is It In You? Part 6: Why Wait?



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John 14:12-17 NLT

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.

What if the gap between biblical promise and my personal experience is a gap God longs to close?

John 14:26 NLT

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Power and Obedience

Acts 2:1-9, 11-12 NLT

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a

mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

11 And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

Acts 2:42-47 NLT

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity[j]— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

1. The basis of Pentecost is Covenant – not power.

2. We, like Jesus on earth, are limited

John 5:19-20 NLT

So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.

Righteousness and Justice

Psalms 89:14 NLT

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

Tyler Staton

After Pentecost, the supernatural ministry of Jesus became common among early church communities. One of the distinguishing markers of the church is that we are fundamentally supernatural people, people among whom and through whom miracles happen. Such a claim can be polarizing, so it’s helpful to remember that the miraculous ministry of the Holy Spirit is rooted not in spiritual thrill-seeking or hype, but in God’s commitment, to restore creation to its original intent.

Proverbs 21:3 ESV

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.