

WHO'S THEO? Part 6
 "Just Living!"
 Pastor Bill Bush
 February 28, 2010

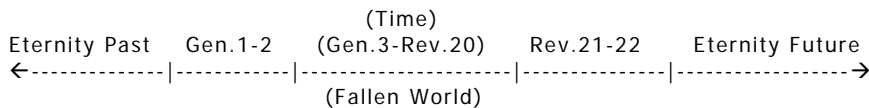
What I think about God shapes my whole relationship with Him,
 and what I believe He thinks about me
 will determine how close I grow toward Him!

BIG IDEA:
 God is JUST!

A Divine Attribute: Whatever God has in any way revealed as being true of Himself, expressed in all that He does, without contradiction, harmonizing and blending into each other in the infinite essence of the Triune God. All that God IS agrees with all that He DOES!

Definition of God's JUSTICE: All He is and all He does is accomplished with perfect integrity, fairness, righteousness and impartiality. It is not a standard God follows, He IS the standard! Though full of goodness, infinite in love and merciful to the repentant, His justice demands moral equity and eternal retribution for deeds done in the body, and no one will receive a "raw deal" in the final analysis. He WILL one day balance the scales!

Living in the Parenthesis...



CLUE: Take comfort in God's justice, not your own!

Psalm 73 A Psalm of Asaph

Are you just living or living just?

Who's Theo? – Part 6
 "Just Living"
SHARPEN THE POINT
 February 28, 2010
For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: Are you just living, or living *just*? Remembering that we are justified through Christ's death on the cross for our individual sins – past, present and future – why would we question God's character of justice? We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners in a fallen world! But we are made right with God through our faith. No one is beyond the grip of His loving grace. He alone sets us free and declares us "Not guilty by reason of atonement." Begin your study by reading *Romans 3*, with special attention to verses 21 – 31.

How do you respond when bad things happen to good people? When good things happen to bad people? Which case bothers you more and why?

If something has happened in your own life that you may have considered *unforgivable*, how have you been able to reach forgiveness? Is it forgiveness *or* acceptance, and how do you think God views the difference?

The Bible tells us to repay evil with good (See *Romans 12:17-21*). When have you done this, and what was the result?

Consider the fact that all injustice is an opportunity to show others it is the Lord's honor you treasure, not your own. How have you responded to injustice in your life in a way that glorifies God?

*"For we must all stand before Christ to be judged.
 We will receive whatever we deserve
 for the good or evil we have done in our bodies."
 II Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)*