

“Is There Injustice on God’s Part? (Part 1)”
Romans 9:13-18

“Sovereignty is God’s right and power to do all that He pleases. Providence is God using His sovereignty to bring about an ultimate purpose for the universe that cannot fail. The nature of God’s providence does not take away man’s will. His providence is formed by His wisdom, justice, and mercy.” (John Piper)

- There are two groups of people in the context of salvation. It is by our choosing and God’s choosing that we are in one of these two groups (Romans 10:13; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 1:23-24).
 - *Those loved by God and love God:* Experience no condemnation; Have been given the Holy Spirit; Put to death their sin by the Holy Spirit; Are adopted sons and daughters; Are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; Are helped by the Holy Spirit; Will receive glorified bodies; Have all things work together for them; Have God for them; Have been graciously given all things to persevere in their salvation; Have Christ and the Holy Spirit interceding for them; Cannot be separated from the love of Christ; Are more than conquerors (Romans 8:1-39).
 - *Those hated by God and hate God:* They are under eternal condemnation; They are slaves to sin; They are under His wrath; They are hostile towards God; They cannot please God; They do not submit to God; God is against them; They are separated from Christ’s love; They store up wrath for themselves; They suppress the truth; They do not honor God or give thanks to Him.
- The sinner is hated by God (salvation) and loved by God (common grace). God hates both the sin and the sinner.
 - The Psalmist’s testimony about God hating the sinner: Psalm 2:4-5 & 9-12; Psalm 5:4-6; Psalm 7:11-13; Psalm 11:4-7.
 - John’s testimony about God’s wrath towards the sinner: Revelation 6:12-16; Revelation 14:9-11; Revelation 16:4-11.
 - God takes no delight in the punishment of the wicked, but does take delight in His justice: Ezekiel 18:30-32; Ezekiel 33:10-11; Matthew 23:37-38.
 - God hates sin: Deuteronomy 12:31; Deuteronomy 16:21-17:1; Proverbs 6:16-19; Proverbs 8:13; Psalm 45:7; Isaiah 1:14.
 - As Christians we are called to love those outside of Christ: Matthew 5:43-48.

“The Lord is very ready to forgive: it is the church that is unmerciful sometimes, but not the Master: He is ever willing to receive us when we come to Him, and to blot out our transgression. . . . Just so does your heavenly Father wait to catch you up, and to press you to His bosom and say, ‘I have loved thee with an everlasting love.’ ” (Charles Spurgeon)

Worship: Speak O Lord (The Gettys) Jesus I My Cross Have Taken (Indelible Grace Music)
Before the Throne of God Above (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** Grace and Peace- Sovereign Grace music

Announcements:

***Members Meeting:** TONIGHT immediately following the worship service, we will be having a short Members Meeting to vote on Joel Decker as our Associate Pastor. In the meeting we will have a brief Q&A time followed by the vote.

**Due to this meeting, we will NOT be having fellowship after the worship service tonight! But we will have fellowship again next week, so plan on staying for that!

***Collecting Donations:** During the month of January we will be collecting donations for Heartbeats. The following items will be used to make COVID-friendly single use "activity packs" that will be used by children and families during supervised visits: gallon Ziploc bags, coloring books for all ages, stickers, small puzzles, and fun workbooks.

***Volunteers Needed:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our church members to get involved in serving our church body in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. Our volunteers for the Children's Ministry serve once every five weeks. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

***Evangelism Class:** Our next round for the Evangelism Class will be February 20th and 27th (the last two Saturdays of February). If you didn't get to participate in the January class and want to sign up for the February one, we will have the sign-up list on the back table starting NEXT Sunday, January 24th.

***Revelation Class:** We are wanting to start our Revelation Class up again very soon. We will be putting out a sign-up list on the back table NEXT Sunday, January 24th, for anyone who is interested in participating in this class. Even if you signed up last year, please sign-up again so that we know you are still interested in participating!