

Introduction

- What is the purpose of the Christian life? Is it personal character building, is it evangelism, to the glory of God...but what does that mean day-to-day?
- What is the picture on the screen?
- So many times we have a hard time trying to grasp what is the Christian life. We have a fragmented view of everything - a broken glass view.

Series on Justice the and significance to the life of a disciple of Jesus

- Justice is the forgotten, hidden, neglected, or abandoned concept of the Christ life.
- Many here probably do not know what it is or how it applies to them
- What I want you to see is how central it is to understanding your entire life?

Story about seeing guys steal power tools from Lowes

- Went to stop an injustice
- I ran into injustice again with Lowes and the insurance money over prosecution.
- They were supporting and encouraging injustice
- Money over what is right and best for the community

What is Justice? Answer: Fairness, even-handedness to all

- Abundance is distributed to where there is a shortage - in the entire human spectrum
- Strong → weak, Smart → dumb, healthy → sick, gifted → ungifted, rich → poor
- **What is injustice?** Prejudice, inequality, unfairness, and bias

It is the gospel that brings justice to all of creation.

The life of justice is the life of the Christian

READ: Romans 8:19-21

All of creation, which includes all of culture, is waiting to be restoration of the gospel

This comes through the children of God – Christians

The creation was subjected to futility, the life of sin by the person who had charge over it.

Christians are to set the creation and culture free from its bondage to decay, becoming worse.

Give to it the freedom of the Glory of God... Christians bring life and cause growth & glory.

Project Shalom and KIVA – it is bringing about justice

Conclusion

Justice is central to our lives and to our salvation is because this was the primary action of Jesus.

- Justice describes what he did to bring salvation.
- **2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.**
- Jesus is eternal abundance of life and holiness - so he distributed it to the poor because of sin.
- By faith in Jesus as the Lord & Savior, people are rescued out of the oppressive injustice of sin
- Those who have faith in Jesus are given a new heart, new mind, & a new life -different than old.

These new people of Christ are now to be the gospel as Jesus was the gospel.