

Week 5 – Justice – God’s View of Sin

Remember last week we discussed who Jesus is? We said that Jesus lived a sinless life in order to be able to take away our sin if we trust in Him. God, the Father was so loving to send Jesus to take away our sins. In the bible it says “**God is love**” (1 John 4:8). Just like the Bible tells us that God loves us, the Bible also says that God is Just. Because God is a Just God, He must punish sin. Because God is a Just God, He cannot just ignore sin when He sees it. That is right, because of who God is, and what His character is like, He cannot just ignore it when we sin.

Illustration: suppose someone on the other team (soccer or flag football) trips or pushes down you or a teammate. Would you expect the referee to let them get away with it without a penalty? No, obviously he would need to be called for the infraction! Referees have rules to follow and so we should expect referees to penalize those who break the rules, how much more should we expect justice from a just God! So although God loves us, He is fair so He must punish us, just like sometimes we get punished by our parents. Our parents love us, but because they love you they sometimes must punish you when you do something that you should not do. Remember, your parents punish you only because they love you.

It is the same with God, He can both love us and be fair by punishing the sin that we have committed.

Discussion Questions:

1. Does anyone have any questions about today’s lesson?
2. Why would it be against God’s character not to punish our sin? [Answer: because He is a just God and His character requires that sin must be punished]