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Justice: the quality of being just; righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness: behaving according to what is morally right and fair.

Compassion: a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

Mercy: compassion shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.





Life is not fair



Defining Compassion & Justice

Zechariah 7:8-10 And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: 9 “This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor...”

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.



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Deuteronomy 27:19 “Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.”

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world



How we are to live our lives

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Act Justly

Love Mercy

Walk Humbly *(with our God)*



How do you think Jesus' church is doing in the area of Compassion and Justice?

Act Justly... Love Mercy...Walk humbly

Seeking justice for those treated unfairly...

Defending the oppressed.... Feeding the hungry...

Giving what we have to those in need...Taking up the cause of the fatherless... Caring for the orphans... Pleading the case of the widow... Welcoming the foreigner... Standing against decimation or racism... Valuing the elderly...

Showing kindness and compassion to the poor



Matthew 25:34-37 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

...40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



Isaiah 58 6-12 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.



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Compassion and Justice is a ministry and not just a strategy

It requires walking humbly with our God

It is seeing with God's heart not our own

It comes from those who know the mercy of God

It is our expression of love directly to God



Showing Compassion & Acting Justly

Walk humbly with God

Look and see

Go to

Get to know

Give of yourself and your resources



Challenge:

Look for those who are over looked
and seen as less than by the world
and then pray this prayer:

*“Jesus what do you feel towards
this person”*

