

Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes By Hearing: "A Prescription of Justice" (Isaiah 1:1-20)

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So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - [Romans 10:17 ESV](#)

Warm up: Read Jesus's "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" in [Matthew 18:23-34](#).

*Why do you think the "other servants" (v.31) are so upset about what happened?

*How have you experienced injustice? How have you caused it? *Exposed/fought* it?

Read: [Isaiah 1:1-20](#)

1. THE SYMPTOMS (Isaiah 1:5-9, 11-15)

a) People: *The whole head is hurt, and the whole heart is sick. (v.5)*

→ See Genesis 12:1-3

[EFCA Statement of Faith](#)

8. Christian Living: We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and **to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed.** With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

b) Place: *Your land is desolate, your cities burned down. (v.7)*

→ See Deuteronomy 29:22-29

c) Presence: *When you spread out your hands in prayer...
Your hands are covered with blood. (v.15)*

→ See Amos 5:21-24, Micah 6:6-8

2. THE DIAGNOSIS (Isaiah 1:2-4)

4 Words, 1 Problem:

Rebelled ... Abandoned ... Despised ... Turned =

"... apart from me you can do nothing." - Jesus (John 15:5 ESV)

3. THE PRESCRIPTION (Isaiah 1:16-20)

*"The Bible gives us not just a naked call to care about justice, but gives us everything we need - motivation, guidance, inner joy, and power - to live a just life." - Tim Keller, *Generous Justice**

9 Remedies, 1 Cure:

Wash --

Stop --

Correct --

Cleanse --

Learn --

Defend --

Remove --

Pursue --

Plead --

→ See Zechariah 7:9-10

*"The biblical teaching (is) that a true experience of the grace of Jesus Christ inevitably motivates a man or woman to seek justice in the world." - Tim Keller, *Generous Justice**

Come! --

*"This is deservedly one of the most famous expressions of the grace of God in the Bible."
- Barry Webb, *The Message of Isaiah**

Check this out!

Bible Project video on Justice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A14THPoc4-4>