

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

The Vanity of Injustice

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth. You are True, righteous, Just and good. Blessed be your righteous name. We confess our longing and desire for justice presses upon us. However, we also confess our zeal for justice is shot through with our sin soaked understanding of righteousness, goodness, and truth. Our hearts sense the necessity of just but our thoughts and actions betray us and instead of loving and caring for others as we ought we treat each other like beasts. Oh grant us your grace that we might rest in and fix our hearts on the perfect epitome and embodiment of justice. Through Christ & His cross, through that prism are we to evaluate and discern all justice. Grant us your Spirit now that we might cling to your glorious justice by faith. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our righteousness. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Observation: Injustice Prevails (v. 16)
2. Reflection: God's Judgment & Testing (vv. 17-21)
3. Confirmation: Rejoice in your Work (v. 22)

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher confirms that only injustice comes under the sun.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ as our only hope for justice.