

**THE SAME: JUSTICE – #4**  
**Heb. 13:8; Ps. 103; 50; Is. 30; 42**

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**SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE** – *I am an overthinker; keep it simple as its intended to be*

**SLIDE 2 – HEBREWS 13:8 – JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME...**

- Reminder – that which we SEE, KNOW, etc... about Christ = SAME infinity
  - DEPENDABLE – we can KNOW how we will be received by Christ

**SLIDE 3 – THE SAME...**

- SAME?: Something that is **consistent, dependable, reliable, unailing, unchanging, faithful, enduring, stable, secure, steadfast, etc...**
- Jesus Christ the Same – what does that mean to us?
  - Anchor, dependability, surety, life-navigation (north star)
  - The answer ALWAYS is “cry out to Jesus” – dependable, faithful, good

**SLIDE 4 – GOD OF JUSTICE**

- One of the ‘GIVEN’ attributes of God – as revealed in Scripture
  - **God of Justice** – *in the face of world that is wrong, unfair, ≠sense*
  - THIS is WHO/HOW God is – all the time – “God is Just”
- **JUST** – lawful, righteous, fair: in govt, causes, conduct, character, ethics; **right**

**SLIDES 5-16 – DEUT 32:4; PS 103:6; IS 42:1-4; PS 50:1-6; IS 30:15-19**

- These scriptures in addition to tons from Torah, Psalms, Proverbs, prophets –
  - The just-ness (righteousness) of God is at the FOREFRONT of our basis for interacting/having relationship w/God
  - E.g. The SAME – *no good if His SAME-ness isn’t good news* – JUST
    - **GOODNESS** – knowing what REAL goodness is – justice
    - **FORGIVENESS** – just (righteous) basis for our standing w/God (forgiveness, grace, mercy, etc...)

**SLIDE 17 – BUT WHAT ABOUT...INJUSTICE?**

- Justice – 1 of the most difficult traits to grab a hold of... b/c SO MUCH injustice
- People wronged, unfair treatment, things that make ‘no sense’
  - We’re often looking for direct cause/effect; wicked/wrong punished, w/the good/righteous blessed/rewarded
  - We want God’s justice to be swift, clear, & in **agreement w/us**
- Bringing it close to home – read over book of Job - ??? about God’s justice in light of Job’s suffering (seemingly) unconnected to *deserving it*

**SLIDES 18,19 – GALATIANS 6:7,8**

- There is no getting over on God – no “this time it didn’t happen”
- No inconsistency in God – if I plant sin in my life, I get death
  - If I plant good/righteousness, I will get righteousness
    - If I repent & turn from sin to good, the good will overtake the sin

#### **SLIDE 20 – CONSEQUENCES: IMMEDIATE vs. DELAYED**

- Adam & Eve – “if you eat from Tree of good/evil, you WILL die” – disobedience
  - Immediate vs. delayed consequences – death not instant; eventual
  - Sowing & reaping – what we sow, we will reap; law of the harvest
- What seems to be injustice → delay is ACTUALLY due to God’s patience
  - **Romans 2:4** – ...*the kindness of God leads us to repentance...*
  - He’s not ignoring sin; He’s trying to draw us to repentance & relationship
- Israel, God’s people, relationships, right vs. wrong – temporal vs. eternal

#### **SLIDES 21-25 ROMANS 12:14-19; HEBREWS 10:30,31**

#### **SLIDE 26 – STICK TO YOUR PURPOSE – macro/micro – for me/for all Christians**

- Part of knowing God’s purpose(s) for my life = what I am NOT to do
- DON’T – Pass final judgment; seek revenge; take matters into own hands
- DO – Be & do what Jesus would be & do in my shoes; love others; be kind; keep on doing good → sow/reap

#### **SLIDE 27 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

#### **SLIDE 28 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27**

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace.” So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”*

#### **SLIDE 29 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE**