

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

THE GOSPEL ISN'T "FAIR"

Matthew 20:1-16

1. "It isn't fair!" Why we value "fairness"

- a. God – who is Just – created man in His image.

- b. Man's sense of justice has been corrupted by sin.

2. Our Lord's story about the workers and their wages

Not to be taken as lesson in earthly economics,
but on the economy of grace in the kingdom of God.

3. His lesson for His disciples

- a. The sin of envious resentment: accuses God in His grace of unfairness.

- b. We "earn" nothing (the difference between us and the workers in the parable – Christ by His work earned it all for us.

- c. God's saving grace is all gift!
All praise to and thanksgiving to Him.

- d. Grace calls us to grace-filled living -
grateful for the privilege of serving Him in serving others

³*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.*

⁸*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

¹*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 1:3-6, 2:8-10, 5:1,2