

That's Not Fair!

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One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah are you? Prove it by saving yourself- and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man **hasn't done anything wrong.**" Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-41

1. That's not fair, but . . . God is _____!

He never sinned, and he never deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God, who **always judges fairly.**

1 Peter 2:22-23

2. That's not fair, but . . . God is _____!

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. John 10:10

If you think you are standing strong be careful, for you, too, may fall into the same sin. But remember that the **temptations** that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the **temptation** from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are **tempted**, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3

Do not look out merely for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:4 (NASB)

"Do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. John 21:16

3. That's not fair, but . . . God promises _____!

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

"He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever." Revelation 21:4

SO WHAT DO I DO NOW?

- A. _____ God's justice!
- B. _____ your part!
- C. _____ God's word!

And we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. Romans 8:28

*All scriptures from NLT unless otherwise noted