**BIBLE – IS LIFE UNFAIR?**

***JOHN 1:10-11***

**INTRODUCTION** – Have you ever heard people make a statement about a particular incident that happened to them in their life and their reaction and response to that incident was “that it is just unfair?”

Why is it that at certain points in our lives we sometimes think that life just seems to be unfair? The purpose of our lesson today is to explore the question, “Why does life seem to be unfair?” Let us open our Bibles and our minds and begin to examine the answers that God gives to us in his word.

**JN. 1:10-11** - ***He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.***

Was life on this earth fair to Jesus? Certainly it was not fair to him. If the world was not fair to Jesus why do we think it will be fair to us since we strive to follow him? Should we expect anything different today?

It is important to learn the lesson early in life and to teach our children also that life is not always fair – **1 PET. 2:22-23** – Did Jesus deserve to die? Did he receive a fair trial? The obvious answer is, no!

***REASONS LIFE SEEMS TO BE UNFAIR:***

1. **WE LIVE IN A SIN CURSED WORLD** –
2. **GEN. 1:1-13** – The world exists by the power of God and as it was created the world was good.
3. **GEN. 3:17-19** – Since God created the world as something good we might ask what happened to it. The simple answer is sin. The world is cursed by the power of sin. Sin made life harder and death certain.
4. **1 JN. 2:15-17** – As a result God warns his people of the danger of this present world.
5. **2 TIM. 4:10** – Yes, we live in a sinful world but God warns us to not fall in love with the world. We live in the world but we should not be of the world.
6. **JAMES 4:4** – We are warned by God not to be a friend of the world, but what do we do?
7. **MATT. 5:45** – The temporal conditions of the world affect good and bad people alike
8. **WE MUST LIVE WITH THE BAD CHOICES OF OTHERS** –
9. **DEUT. 28:1-6, 15-19** – God has given each one of us the power to choose. We are autonomous human being with the power of choice. We do not live on an island where our choices only affect us and no one else. Bad choices have far reaching effects on the lives of countless others.
10. **EZEK. 18:20** – One is not responsible for another’s choices.
11. **EZEK. 20:5-9** – Even though we are not responsible for the choices of others we may reap the consequences of their choice. I.E.- Drunk driver kills an innocent victim on Hwy. 98
12. **JN**. **15:20** – Innocent disciples of Christ who seek to follow him may suffer persecution. I.E. – Apostles, first century Christians
13. **2 TIM**. **3:12** – You may be striving to live a godly life and persecution may come upon you. God is warning us as his children to be prepared to be treated unfairly in this world.
14. **JOSH**. **7:20-21** – Example of the far reaching consequences of Achan’s choice. His choice affected Israel as they fled from their enemies and 36 men were killed – **vs. 4-5**
15. **WE MUST LIVE WITH OUR BAD CHOICES** –
16. **MARK 16:15-16** – We sometimes must live with the consequences of our bad choices but we certainly do not have to live with the guilt of our bad choices. Forgiveness is possible and available to everyone. No one has lived a life so full of bad choices that they cannot turn to the Lord.
17. **LUKE 23:39-42** – The thief on the cross exemplified a life of bad choices but he turned to Jesus.
18. **1 JN. 1:7-9** – As children of God we can and should forgive ourselves. Move forward and away from bad choices by repenting of our sins.
19. **EZEK. 18:25** – We need to recognize that our finite minds are poor judges of fairness.
20. **2 PET. 3:13** – We need to recognize we will one day dwell in heaven where all injustices will be rectified.

**CONCLUSION** –

Is life sometimes unfair? Why?

We live in a sinful world.

We live with the bad choices of ourselves as well as others.

Remember Jesus when life seems unfair – **HEB. 12:1-3** ***- Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.***

Turn to him today!!!