

SERMON NOTES

24th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27, Year A * November 12, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Amos 5:18-24 * Psalm 70 * 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *

Matthew 25:1-13

Our Part?

Jesus did the heavy lifting!

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O God, whose blessed Son came into the world **that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:** ...

But a RELATIONSHIP has two parts:

OUR part?

...Grant that, having this hope, **we may purify ourselves as he is pure;** that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let justice roll on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream! Amos 5:24

JUSTICE: Right relationship with culture and society around us
– with the Public.

RIGHTEOUSNESS: Right relationship with God and people
– with Individuals.

Next Week's Lessons

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 * Psalm 90 * 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *

Matthew 25:14-30

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What is a “work of the devil” – a sin, weakness, or unhealthy habit – Jesus has helped you overcome? How did he do that?
2. What is something in your life right now that you’re working on trying to purify? What are you doing? How’s it going?
3. What is one way you pray and/or work for justice in your world – helping people be treated rightly?
4. What is one thing you do to try and stay “righteous” (in right relationship with God and/or people)?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for his help in setting you free from those things you mentioned in number 1 and 2 above.
 - ✦ For grace to cooperate with God in working for justice.
 - ✦ For grace to stay in right relationship with God and people.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.