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What is justice?

In everyday language we find the word “justice” applied to respect for human rights, the desire for equality, a fair distribution of the world’s resources and institutions that exist to uphold the law.



The justice Jesus is talking about in the “Sermon on the Mount”, where this beatitude comes from, includes those things but goes further to include harmonious relationships, goodwill and peace.

The biblical meaning of justice is to live according to God’s plan for humanity, which he imagined and wanted to be one family, united by love.



The desire and quest for justice have, from the very beginning, been embedded in the conscience of human beings.

God himself placed them in the human heart.

But despite the gains and the progress made in the course of history, we are still a long way from seeing the accomplishment of God’s plans.

Today, too, wars, terrorism and ethnic conflicts are signs of injustice, of social and economic inequality.

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What is the key to
true **justice**?

Without love, we will
never attain true
justice, a sharing of
goods among rich and
poor, and respect for
the dignity of every
person.



Goods do not travel on
their own! People's hearts
need to be moved and then
they will move the goods.
Jesus invites us to practice an
even “greater justice”, that
goes beyond obeying laws, **a
justice** that is an **expression
of love.**



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How can we live the
justice **JESUS** asks for?

By looking at those around us
and treating them as if they
were Jesus.

By loving them, **even if they
are enemies**, with the same
love as the Father has for them.

By living **mutual giving**,
sharing our spiritual and
material goods, so that all will
become one family.

Then our yearning for a
united and just world, as
God wants it, will become a
reality.

**He himself will come to
live in our midst** and will
satisfy us with his
presence.