

“The Justice of God: Adam & Eve in the Garden”

Genesis 3

True justice can only be experienced when God’s wrath is satisfied. God’s wrath is only fully satisfied in the cross of Jesus Christ.

I. God’s justice guarantees our _____ (I Jn. 1:9).

II. God’s justice guarantees our _____ (Heb. 6:10;
II Tim. 4:8).

III. God’s justice guarantees our _____ (II Thess.
1:5-7; I Pet. 2:23).

IV. God’s justice guarantees the _____ of
_____ (I Pet. 4:5; II Thess. 1:7b-10a).

God had a special reason to delay judgment. From the very moment Adam sinned, a death sentence hung over the human race. The blade was drawn and poised, waiting for justice to be served. All the sons of Adam and daughters of Eve were doomed to die, not just a physical death (although that was part of it), but a spiritual and eternal death. God waited and waited, and then waited some more. Then he struck. When the blow finally fell, it fell on Jesus Christ. God carried out the [necessary] death penalty against his own Son.

- Philip Graham Ryken