

### 5-3-1 Assignment on Hollinger Chapter 10

#### Questions

1. What is the difference between how justice is viewed today versus how it was viewed by ancient and medieval philosophers?
2. What are the two categories of justice?
3. What does retributive justice mean?
4. What does distributive justice mean?
5. What do Biblical teachings on justice depend upon?

#### Answers

1. The way justice is viewed today is more than a virtue, but also a principle or a social goal. Ancient and medieval philosophers viewed justice as a virtue, like wisdom and temperance.
2. The two categories of justice include retributive justice, and distributive justice.
3. Retributive justice focuses on what is due a person when that person has perpetrated wrong.
4. Distributive justice is positive in nature, focusing on the kinds of rewards, rights, opportunities, services, and treatments due a person because of who that person is, what he or she has done, or even the group to which he or she belongs to.
5. Biblical teachings on justice depend upon the justice and character of God and his ability to be just.

#### Terms

Mishpat- Hebrew word for justice, judgment.

Tsedaqah- Hebrew word for righteousness, justice

Dikaionune- Greek word for justice, righteousness

Krime- Greek word for judgment, justice

Krisis- Greek word for judgment, decision, justice

#### Summary

In chapter 10, author Hollinger discusses the meaning of justice and righteousness, focusing his chapter particularly on distributive justice. Hollinger explains distributive justice and its positive aspects when applied to individual and social levels. But first, the writer goes into some Biblical context of justice and righteousness in both the Old and New Testaments. He expresses the fundamental dependency of righteousness and justice in the Bible upon the character and act of

God, especially through Jesus Christ. He demonstrates this by expanding upon the relationship between love and justice, freedom and justice, and questions of egalitarian and meritorious justice. Eventually, the author goes into different aspects of justice, what what approaches to justice are most appropriate to resolve those issues at hand.