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Five

1. **What are the main issues concerning retributive justice?** Primarily, whether all are in consensus on whether the punishment fits the wrong, and if certain punishments, in themselves, are just

2. **What types of resources are subject to distributive justice?** A wide variety of topics including, but not limited to, money, health, honors and opportunities

3. **What are the main issues concerning distributive justice?** Primarily, how does one allocate resources when there is not enough for everyone (?)

4. **How does the language of Scripture inform the Christian ethic of justice?** There are words in Hebrew which often get translated in slightly different ways, having a range of meanings. Righteousness can never be far removed from justice when applying the Scripture.

5. **What is the relation of love and justice?** According to Brunner, they each operate in their own sphere. Justice is institutional and love is emotive; one cannot accomplish the mission of the other. Niebuhr believed they even live in tension with one another. Higginson believes they complement one another.

Three

Retributive justice: Justice that focuses on what is due a person when that person has committed a wrong

Distributive justice: Justice that is positive in nature and focuses on the rewards due to a person because of who that person is or what he has done

Meritorious justice: justice that focuses on a person's actions, efforts, or impact

One

Every human society, the reality of human being, requires an ethic of justice. Justice, in all its perceived forms, is complex and somewhat self-limiting in practice. Though the biblical understandings of justice are widely shared across the canon of Scripture, exactly how to exact that justice today alludes us. Justice is potentially based upon wrongdoing, identity and existence, need, merit, or moral obligation. Yet in each case, issues arise as to how much justice is owed and from whom this justice must originate. Though difficult, Christians must not neglect their mandate in Scripture to pursue justice.