



# It's Not Fair

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## Definition of "deserve" - to be **WORTHY**; to have a just claim or right to

- Justice - getting what we actually **DESERVE**
- Fairness - wanting everyone (me) to be treated **EQUALLY**

## When we think or say, "It's not fair," we are really saying:

- God is not **GOOD**
- God is not **IN CONTROL**

## We tend to see life only from our own **PERSPECTIVE**

*Matthew 20:13-15*

## What do we really deserve?

- We deserve **WRATH** *Ephesians 2:3*
- We also deserve **DEATH** *Romans 3:10-12, 23; 6:23*

## How does God treat us?

- God **WITHHOLDS** what we really deserve... *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- And gives us what we **LEAST** deserve *Psalms 103:10-12*
  - ◇ God gives us **GRACE** or unearned favor
  - ◇ God shows us **LOVE**
  - ◇ God grants us **FORGIVENESS**
  - ◇ Examples: *Romans 15:4*
    - » Joseph *Genesis 40:15; 50:20*
    - » Job *Job 2:9-10*
    - » Jesus *Luke 22:42; 23:22, 41; 1 Peter 2:23*

## How should we respond when we begin to think, "It's not fair?"

1. Go to God in **PRAYER**, and tell Him my concerns. Give the situation to Him *Isaiah 30:18*
2. Acknowledge that God is **GOOD** and in **CONTROL**. He will not rip me off *Romans 8:28; Jeremiah 32:17*
3. Replace the enemy lie with the **TRUTH** *Philippians 4:8*
4. Do what is right and **PERSEVERE**, remaining faithful to God *Hebrews 12:2-3*

## American Revolution Resources:

[Was the American Revolution a Just War?](#)

[A Declaration by the Representatives of the United Colonies of North-America, Now Met in Congress at Philadelphia, Setting Forth the Causes and Necessity of Their Taking Up Arms](#)

### Memory Verse (*Topic: It's Not Fair*)

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.*

*Psalm 103:10-11*

### My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize Psalm 103:10-11.
- Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll join a summer group!
- I'll commit to reading the Bible this week,
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_

### *Behind Enemy Lies* series overview:

Week 1 - June 6th, <i>Battleground</i>
Week 2 - June 13th, <i>It's Not What I Want</i>
Week 3 - June 20th, <i>I'm Too Tired</i>
Week 4 - June 27th, <i>It's Not Worth It</i>
Week 5 - July 4th, <i>It's Not Fair</i>
Week 6 - July 11th, <i>It's Too Hard</i>
Week 7 - July 18th, <i>I'm the Only One</i>
Week 8 - July 25th, <i>Continuing to Battle</i>

### Additional Notes:

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