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God's Wrath And God's Salvation, Pt 4

Selected Passages

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SermonAudio Blurb: Ephesians 1 says that the believer has been blessed with every spiritual blessing because they are in Christ. When discussing the wrath of God it behooves us to grasp how broad and deep the salvation from that wrath is. God did not merely release us from that wrath; rather, He lifts up poor sinners and places them into His beloved Son. And with that comes incredible blessings. These blessings are what we explore here.

I. Introduction.

- A. Today we come back to the subject of God's wrath and it has been a journey of sorts.
 - 1. We saw how prominent is this idea of God's wrath against those who sin. That it is a hard truth to hear and understand because we all sin and are all rightly judged guilty before God.
 - 2. But we also learned that this is also where the good news, the gospel comes in to play. We saw Jesus:

- B. The wrath of God brings many curses upon the sinner.
 - 1. God's wrath is not merely a concept vaguely stated in Scripture. It is reality based upon God's justice and honor and has real consequences.

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2. D. A. Carson said it well, “Is the magnitude of our sin established by our own status, or by the degree of offense against the sovereign, transcendent God?” (*The Gagging of God*, 534) To put it another way, is it not an infinite sin to reject the infinitely glorious God who created us?
 3. God’s wrath is not in destroying you or killing you. It is to be experienced for eternity. It is what we often call hell. Not a place where you go just to hang out with your buddies doing the same stupid stuff you are doing now.
 4. We get a glimpse of the nature of God’s wrath when we consider Jesus on the Cross.
 5. The bible portrays hell as God pouring out His retribution upon all who reject Him.
 6. And all of this is comes through a righteous and true judgment of God. *“And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”* (Revelation 20:12-15).
 7. This is what awaits all who are not saved from the wrath to come.
- C. But what about the opposite side of this situation. What are the benefits of salvation?
1. To be sure, we will be saved from the wrath to come. But to what shall we be saved? What is the outcome?
 2. For the next two messages I want to show us all the wonderful blessings that are attached to salvation.

II. The Blessings of Salvation?

A. Justification.

1. Here is the key point to this blessing. Without it none of the others we will look at would exist. Until you, a guilty sinner under the judgment of God,

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can be declared righteous by the only Righteous Judge, nothing else matters.

2. How then can a person be just before God?
3. And the answer is the gospel. Which is why we must get the gospel right.
 - a. And the key blessing that comes with believing it is called “justification.”
 - b. Simply put, it is to be declared by God to be righteous. That you are now in a right standing before the Holy One. We are imputed His righteousness.
 - c. “Imputation” simply means to ascribe or transfer something from one to another. In the bible we see this with a double sense: our sin is imputed/transferred to Jesus and He dies in our place. And His righteousness is imputed/transferred to us.
4. Ky passages:
 - a. Romans 3:19-26.
 - b. Romans 4:2-5.
 - c. Romans 5:1.

B. Redeemed.

1. 1Peter 1:18-19.
2. Colossians 1:13-14.

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3. Romans 3:24.

4. This redemption price removes us from the enslavement we had to the power of sin. Romans 3:9—all are “under” sin.
5. Romans 6:6-7.
 - a. The power of sin is broken. It no longer dominates the person. Every true Christian carries that promise within them through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Sin was your master.
 - b. Vss 11-14.

6. The point of redemption—Vss 14-18.

- C. Reconciled.
 1. Romans 5:10.

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2. Colossians 1:21-22.

III. Conclusion.

- A. Beloved, three beautiful and powerful blessings that are found in Jesus Christ.
 - 1. None of them require something first of you. No work, no labor, no promises, no self-righteousness. No trying the best you can.
 - 2. They are all the simple result of finding your rest and hope in Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection.
- B. The issue for you who follow Christ today is will you begin to see how truly blessed you are by God's grace? Will you today find the Scripture to be enough. It says you are redeemed. It says you are justified. It says you are reconciled. Let it be enough for you.
- C. For you who do not believe. This is part of what awaits you if you would believe the gospel. All you have right now is the abiding wrath of God. But the moment you turn from your ways and to Jesus alone, these become your as well.

Benediction

May our merciful God and Father open our eyes to the glory and vastness of His love toward us through Jesus His Son. May we see ourselves seated with Him in heaven as recipients of His grace. And may God grant us through the Spirit, eyes to grasp the many good works He has called us to love and do. Amen