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## **God's Wrath And God's Salvation, Pt 5**

### **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. In this message we will learn of the blessings of belonging to what the bible calls "the new," belonging as children of God, and an eternal inheritance.

### **I. Introduction.**

- A. Final message in this series on God's wrath and salvation.
  - 1. We have seen that God's wrath is explicit in scripture and is abundantly testified in both the Old Testament and New Testament.
  - 2. We have seen that the place of refuge and salvation from God's wrath is found in God Himself. It is the work of all three persons in the Trinity.
  - 3. We have seen that Jesus is the One who was given a people to save and He became their Substitute and Sin-bearer on the cross. All who place their trust in Jesus Christ are saved from the wrath to come.
- B. Last week we then considered three key blessings that come from this salvation.
  - 1. Justification:
  - 2. Redemption:
  - 3. Reconciliation:

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- C. There are three other blessings that come with salvation from God's wrath that we will consider today: Kept by God for an inheritance, adopted by God, and participation in the "new."

## **II. The Blessings of Salvation?**

- A. Kept by God for An Inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5).
  - 1. Note the praise to God for our salvation. Key point is that we are born again to a living hope.
    - 2. This hope is then described in the rest of this passage. Two specific points are developed.
      - a. First, an inheritance
        - (1) It is imperishable.
        - (2) It is undefiled.
        - (3) It will not fade.
      - b. Second, kept safe by the Almighty (6).

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- (1) Is it any wonder that David wrote, *“I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold”* (Psalm 18:1-2)?
- (2) *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.* (John 10:27-29)

## B. Adopted as beloved children.

1. John 1:12-13
2. 1 John 3:1-2 says it even more clearly to us.
3. Other passages:
  - a. Ephesians 1:5.
  - b. *But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.* (Galatians 4:4-5)

## C. Participation in the “new.”

1. To understand it requires you to understand what is called the “old” in the bible. And to understand the “old” you need to understand two men in the bible, the first Adam and the second.



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## **III. Conclusion.**

- A. We are righteous before our righteous God. We are redeemed out of enslavement to sin. We are at peace with God fully reconciled to Him. We are safe in the grasp of God, hidden with Christ. We are adopted into God's household. And we are recipients of all things God shall do for all eternity.
- B. So the next time you say something like *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God,"* understand that that little word "saved" is infinitely massive and it is a testimony to God's great grace in saving sinners.
- C. Let us echo the words of David in Psalm 40:2, *"God brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay; and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm."*

## ***Benediction***

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. May you rest in the power of the Holy Spirit and may you rejoice in the love of the Father as it flows to you in every moment and in every way. Amen.**