

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 020815
SERIES: THE CROSS OF CHRIST
WEEK 2: The Divine Dilemma

"[God's] wrath . . . is in fact his holy reaction to evil." – John Stott

1. God is a God of Justice and Wrath

Colossians 3:6 (ESV)

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Romans 2:5 (ESV)

5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:8 (ESV)

8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)

9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

"God's justice stands forever against the sinner in utter severity." A. W. Tozer

2. God is a God of Compassion and Mercy

James 5:11b (ESV)

the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

2 Corinthians 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

Matthew 9:35-36 (ESV)

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

3. The Mercy and Wrath of God were satisfied on the Cross

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5a (ESV)

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities . . .

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

"Divine love triumphed over divine wrath by divine self-sacrifice." – John Stott