

BAD NEWS: Deny or Do Something About It

Last Week's Message

Romans 1:18 begins with the WRATH OF GOD against unrighteousness and ungodliness. Many people are reluctant to discuss this. Some think that it is a moral blemish to a God who is loving and just. Many of us only want to think of God as compassionate, caring, and forgiving. But that view of God is incomplete. Understanding the truth about God's wrath will help us know God more and enable us to relate and respond to Him properly. Let's look at the 3R's of God's wrath:

Righteousness

The wrath of God is His indignation and anger against evil. It is His holiness stirred up against sin. God is perfect, and part of that perfection involves His holy anger. There will be blemish or defect in that perfection if His wrath against evil is absent. God's wrath is not like human anger that is motivated by selfish reasons or a desire for revenge. The wrath of God is completely righteous in character. Romans 1:18-20 tells us that God is angry at man's suppression of truth by unrighteousness. He made it evident for the entire world to see His eternal power and divine nature through His creation and the things He has made, which gives us no excuse to deny His existence. Still, we do not honor and glorify Him (Romans 1:21-23). Ingratitude against God is a great sin, and this foolishness has taken over many of us.

Real

John 3:36 and Luke 12:4-5 point out that the wrath of God abides in the one who does not obey Him. The wrath of God is real! Revelation 6:16-17 captures what could possibly be the last prayer of people who do not believe God. No one can stand under the future wrath of God! Three times, Paul used "GOD GAVE THEM OVER" (1:24, 1:26, 1:28) – to the lusts of their hearts, to degrading passions, and to a depraved mind. We may call it the "divine non-intervention" of God! We are called to love people, but a life of sin leads to the penalty of their errors (v.27-v.28). Have your eyes been opened to this reality? You can deny this bad news or you can do something about it. The consequences must be shared to others so that they may have the chance to turn away from these sins (vv.29-32), and we must always speak the truth in love.

Redemptive

God wants to do something about our problem. Romans 2:1-3 emphasizes that we "have no excuse", even people who don't know the Bible can know what is right and wrong. The reality is we ARE ALL GUILTY, we cannot escape God's judgment. But Romans 2:4-5 shares a glimpse of hope – the riches of God's kindness, patience, and grace, rather than His wrath, should lead us to REPENTANCE. God has been very kind and patient to all of us. If we look at our past, we will clearly see that His perfection covers our imperfection. God's patience motivates us to draw closer to Him. If we refuse to change, we store up wrath for ourselves when the appointed time comes

We, followers of Jesus, are reminded in Hebrews 10:26-27,30-31 to not keep on sinning. We need to take sin and God seriously and turn our eyes upon JESUS - the only One who has the power to rescue us, forgive us, and set us free from sin!

discussion questions

What struck you about the wrath of God?
 What action do you need to take in light of this truth?
 How will you share this truth to others and point them to Jesus?

last week's memory verse

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

ROMANS 2:4

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

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