

God's Balance

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Roman 1:18-20

There is a balance in the love of God and the wrath of God. Last week I wrote about the power of the Gospel to salvation. God's love through Jesus. And part of realizing that power is to acknowledge and accept his wrath.

The verses above follow a statement about the Gospel. These verses are the beginning of explaining why we need the gospel. Paul in Romans lays out the argument that godlessness, wickedness, sin and evil are the things that magnify our need for the gospel. But know that these things are our choices. Romans 1:24 says that

“God turned them over to the sinful desires of their hearts.” Sin is a choice that brings out the wrath of God.

The balance of God's wrath and love is perfect. Realizing them both is critical in truly believing the power of the gospel. When I was growing up I heard a lot of preaching about the wrath of God. Not much about grace/love. As an adult I have heard a lot of preaching about the grace/love of God. Not too much about wrath.

Bottom line: God does not tolerate sin – in any form. No matter how we try to justify it. Romans 1:29-30 -- *They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.*

Even though we all have sinned, God's wrath is satisfied through his love in Jesus. The gospel saves us from our sins.

Share the power of the gospel today!

All Things for Christ,
Michael