

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of November 6, 2022 A.D.

God's Wrath and Judgment

God's wrath and God's judgment. We do not hear much about either of them. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches that there is coming upon this earth a time of God's wrath and that, after we die, each person will face God's judgment. So, in this lesson, we will look at a passage of Scripture which discusses both God's wrath and His judgment.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read Romans 2:1-16

1. Compare Romans 2:1 to what Jesus says in Matthew 7:1-2. How are those passages the same? How are they different? Based on these verses, what should be our attitude when it comes to judging other people?

Read Romans 2:2-4

2. How do these verses relate to what is stated in Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23?
3. You may have heard the expression, "Hate the sin; but, love the sinner." Is that saying biblical?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

4. According to these verses, how important is it for a follower of Christ to live a life which is pleasing to God? Will followers of Christ be judged? What will be the basis of that judgment? What will be the result of that judgment?

Read Revelation 20:11-15

5. Who will be judged at the "great white throne"? What will be the basis of that judgment? What will be the result of that judgment?

6. If you "love your neighbor as yourself" (see Matt. 22:37-40), what would be your advice to Christians regarding the judgment seat of Christ? What would be your advice to non-Christians regarding the great white throne judgment?

Read Romans 2:5-11

7. According to verse 5, who will experience the wrath of God? What makes that wrath "righteous"?
8. Discuss and explain what Paul is saying in Rom 2:6-11 and in 1 Thess. 5:9-11.

Read Romans 2:12

9. Who are those who "sin apart from the law"? Who are those who "sin under the law"? Is the final/eternal judgement for these two groups the same?
10. In verse 13 Paul makes the statement that "those who obey the law will be declared righteous." That sounds good; however, that verse must be explained and clarified by reading Romans 3:19-20. After you have read Romans 3:19-20, please explain what Paul is saying in Romans 2:13.
11. Verse 16 states that God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ. How does this make you feel? How should the truth of this verse affect how we behave? What does Paul mean when he uses the words "through Jesus Christ"?
12. Let us take a final look at verse 13. Can we obey the law "through Jesus"? Please read 1 John 3:7-10 and discuss those verses in your answer.

Consider: Without Jesus, we are hopeless sinners who are doomed to suffer the wrath and judgment of God. Yet, when we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, our sins are forgiven - forever! This is the good news of the gospel. Therefore, as followers of Christ, we are to live with thanksgiving and gratitude toward God. We are to share the gospel with all people at all times so that they also may escape the coming wrath of God. This is a primary example of what it means to love our neighbor.