



THE GRACE AND WRATH OF GOD

Many Christians dwell on the grace of God while ignoring the wrath of God. Both the grace and wrath of God are important. You cannot have grace without wrath and you cannot have wrath without grace. You need both to maintain the balance.

For instance if you just have the grace of God, then the wicked will have to enter into heaven and there would be no punishment for their wicked deeds. On the other hand if you just have the wrath of God there would be no hope of any redemption. That is why when you hear about the grace of God you also need to hear about the wrath of God. Both are in the Bible for a good reason.

Romans 1:1-17

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:
7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for

you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Many in the Christian community stop at Romans 1:17. They do not want to continue on to the 18th verse which talks about the wrath of God. The majority of messages I hear on the air concern faith and grace with nothing being said about the wrath of God. This is wrong! When you only hear half of the message and believe that you can

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continue to live in sin and not repent, you are in severe danger of hell fire. The rest of the first chapter of Romans shows us that there is a balance.

Romans 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication,

tion, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Having faith in Jesus Christ is the beginning of salvation. Faith in Christ also requires us to repent of our wicked ways. We all are sinners before the Lord. It is only through his divine sacrifice that we have any hope of salvation. Faith without repentance is the same faith and knowledge that Satan has. He is bound for the eternal flames of hell and will never repent. Satan surely believes in Jesus Christ, but he is not saved. Those of you who say that you believe in Jesus Christ, but have never repented of your sins are in the same fix as Satan! The only difference is that you can still repent whereas Satan cannot! Satan is facing the wrath of God and so will you unless you repent of your sins.

After you repent and turn from your wicked ways, then the grace of God comes to fruition. Without repentance, there is no grace for you! You are just like Satan, believing in Jesus Christ but are bound for the lake of fire. Having faith in Jesus Christ without repentance is worth nothing.

James 2:19

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Many believe in Jesus Christ, but their belief is in error. They believe that all they had to do was raise their hand and they were saved. They were never told to repent of their sins. Thus they believe that Jesus Christ lived and died for their sins while still living in sin. This is the message of

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the world that all are saved and it does not matter if you are a Jew, Muslim, Catholic, or Christian for we all are saved and are on the path to heaven. This is a lie from the very pits of hell itself! It does matter what you believe and if that belief measure up to the whole Bible. If you only believe in part of the Bible, then your belief is in vain. You need to believe in Jesus Christ as your savior, deliverer, redeemer, and your judge. Jesus Christ needs to be all of these to you. You cannot just accept him as you savior without submitting to him as your judge.

If Jesus Christ is not your judge now, he will be your judge at the great white throne judgment. As you are beginning to see, grace and wrath go together. You cannot have one without the other. Repentance leads you to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If you have not repented of your sins, then you are facing the wrath of God. Only you can make the choice between the merciful grace of God or face his divine wrath. The choice is yours and yours alone.

Romans 1:1-17 discusses faith and grace. But if you only hear the first half of the chapter without the second half, the first half has become a lie! You need to know the whole message of the grace of God and the wrath of God. One without the other is a lie from the pits of hell! If you only hear about the wrath of God without the grace of God, that message is a lie. You need to hear the whole story where if you die in your sins, you will face the wrath of God; conversely, if you have repented of your sins and have turned from your wicked ways, then you have welcomed Jesus Christ as your judge and are under his divine grace.

There are many who only want to preach a pleasing message where there is no repentance and remission of sins. They tell their congregations that just believing in Jesus Christ will save you. As James said the devils believe and tremble, but we know that they aren't saved from the fiery pit of hell. It is the same for you: if you believe in Jesus Christ without repenting, you are still bound for that fiery pit of hell fire.

2 Corinthians 7:10

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

When you repent and seek the Lord's forgiveness for your sin, then you are filed with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you believe in Jesus Christ without seeking his forgiveness through repentance, then you are not saved and are still on the road to hell.

Romans 13:11-14

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Christians who know about the righteous judgment of God and his divine grace realize that God wants us to repent and seek his divine will and grace. He does not want us to burn in the lake of fire, but he will not pollute his heavenly home with unrepentant sinners. He will not allow the poison of wickedness into his heavenly home. Thus we need to be mindful about how close we are to the day of the Lord. A day of darkness and not light where the wrath of the Lord is poured out upon the earth and all of her unrepentant sinners!

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness,

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and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

When the Israelites in Amos day were just going through the church ritual without true repentance and really seeking the Lord's grace and mercy, he told them that he hated and despised their sacrifices. The same is true today! Those who go to church without a thought of repentance and turning from their wicked ways will find themselves in the hands of a very angry God. All of your false righteousness and phony Christianity is come to naught! You will soon discover that the day of repentance and the ability to seek the

mercy of the Lord is over. We are currently excruciatingly close to the day of the Lord. When the Lord pours out his wrath upon the earth, you will find that the day of repentance has past you by. That day is closer than you suppose. We are living in the day of prophecy where we will see the rise of the kings of the east as described in the book of Revelation.

The day of the Lord is at hand and now is the day of salvation. You cannot afford to wait any longer! You cannot afford to wait until you clean up your life! Now is the time to call upon the Lord and seek his divine mercy and grace. Today is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:2

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

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