



The Other Side of the Good News: God is Angry

(What Right does God have to be Angry?)

Sunday, January 17/20 --- Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. – Romans 1:18

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. – John 3:36

The liberal gospel is described as 'a God without wrath brought people without sin into a kingdom without judgement through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross.' - Richard Niebuhr

Introduction: Understanding the Progression of Romans 1

- Paul's Case against Humanity:
 - They are Without Excuse (vs. 20) – Jan. 24
 - They have made an Exchange (vs. 23, 25, 26) – Jan. 31
 - They have been Given Over (vs. 24, 26, 28) – Feb. 7
- Paul's Presentation of the Gospel:
 - A Revealed Faith
 - A Righteous Faith
 - A Reasonable Faith

1. Understanding the Whole Gospel of God

- From Genesis to Revelation

2. Understanding What God is Angry About

- Ungodliness and Unrighteousness

3. Understanding Who God is Angry With

- Those who Suppress of the Truth



Study and Discussion Questions - Romans 1:8-17

Open It

1. If God were to deliver a "state of the union" speech for all of the world to hear, what do you think He would say? Does He have the right to be angry? Why?

Explore It

2. What has God revealed to us about Himself according to Romans 1:17 and 1:18?
3. According to Paul why are all people accountable to God? (1:17 - 20)
4. As we explore the theme of God's wrath in the coming weeks, what concerns do you have?
Do you ever feel that you need to apologize for God? How? Why?
5. According to verses 18 - 21, 25 and 28 what is at the root of a worldview in rebellion against God? What do these verses teach us about how to dialogue with an unbeliever?

Get It

6. What is the real barrier between us and God? Do you ever excuse your own sin?
7. How do people today suppress the truth about God? Give some examples.
8. How does living a life of faith 'from first to last' (vs. 17) help you follow God?

Apply It

9. In what ways can you lessen your dependence on the things you are tempted to worship and serve more than God?
10. How are you 'Out of Order'? How do some of your 'Out of Order' desires show what is in your 'Out of Order' heart?