

The wrath of God:

Romans is a carefully constructed letter.

It falls into four definite divisions.

Romans. 1-8, deals with **righteousness**.

The three foundation pillars of our Faith.

- There is the notion of salvation.
- There is the notion of faith.
- There is the notion of justification.

The just shall live by faith. = a **right relationship with God**,
Not because of the **works**, but because of **faith**,

The **wrath** of God = **deliberately blind to God and worships his own thoughts and idols instead of him.**

What is its **meaning**?

1. Our Understanding

Although Paul speaks of the wrath of God, he never speaks of God being angry.

He speaks of God's **love**, of God's **grace**.

2. The meaning

Paul speaks of the **wrath of God**

Ephesians 5:6 *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient*

3. The OT

Ezekiel "*The soul that sins shall die*"

(Eze. 18:4).

•If we were to put this into modern language we would say, "*There is a moral order in this world, and the man who transgresses it soon or later is bound to suffer.*"

•**That moral order is the wrath of God at work.**

•**The love of God**, which by an act of **free grace**, lifts man out of the consequences of sin and saves him from the **wrath** he should have incurred.

4. The implications

Men cannot plead ignorance of **God**. **Suffering follows sin.**

- Break the laws of **agriculture**--your harvest fails.
- Break the laws of **architecture**--your building collapses.
- Break the laws of **health**--your body suffers.
- Look at the world! The sinner is left without excuse.

- **What did the sinner do?**

- Instead of looking out to **God**, he looked into **himself**.

- He thought he was **wise**, while all the time he was a **fool**.

- He made **his** ideas, **his** opinions, **his** speculations the **standard and the law of life, instead of the will of God**.

- The sinner made "**man the master of things**." His standards were his own opinions and not in the laws of God.

- He lived in a **self-centred** instead of a **God-centred** universe.

- Like any man who does not look where he is going, he fell.**

There is nothing we can do to merit salvation.

- Salvation** means accepting Jesus.

- He can only be received as a **gift**– by **trusting**, not by **trying**– by **believing**, not by **doing** (John 1:12; Galatians 3:1-3).

- All of us are infected with the fatal disease of **sin** (Rom. 6:23). There is only one cure. It is in the cleansing power of Jesus Christ's shed blood.

Paul wrote, "***Much more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him***" (Rom. 5:9).

The righteous wrath of God against transgression has been fully satisfied through Jesus' death in our place.

All we need do is repent, recognize Him as our Saviour, and receive the spiritual cure for sin.

Have you made that decision?

Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!

Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;

Redeemed through His infinite mercy,

His child, and forever, I am. —Crosby

The price of our freedom from sin was paid by Jesus' blood.