

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
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As you watch and listen to the video, please feel free to pause the video for any reason, including to discuss something with others, to take time to look up a verse or passage, or to take a break. Remember, you also are able to go back and to repeat any part.

This lesson is supplemental to the *Explore the Bible* lesson that covers Romans 5:1-11.

The Wrath of God

Last week, we talked about the *Righteousness of God*. This week, we need to talk a bit about the *Wrath of God*. Is the Wrath of God only an Old Testament doctrine?

Let's read Romans 4:13-15.

The Holy Spirit tells us that the law brings about _____.

Now read Romans 5:8-10.

From verse 10, we learn that we were _____ whom God reconciled through the death of Jesus.

And from verse 9, we learn that we shall be saved from _____ through Jesus if we have been justified by His blood.

Now we have three things to talk about: **Justification, Faith, and Wrath.**

Justification—We all want to justify ourselves and to be justified in our actions. In other words, we all want to be correct (to be right) in what we do, and we want others to know we are correct. (Note the connection between being right and being righteous.)

As sinners, our actions cannot be _____. Therefore, we must receive justification from somewhere or someone else.

Our justification comes by Jesus' _____, and we shall be _____ from wrath through him. (Romans 5:9)

Faith—In Romans 4:13-16 we learn that the promise of God to Abraham and to us was through the _____ of _____. This is the Righteousness of God/Jesus that is granted to us through faith.

And in verse 16, we learn that we must be saved by faith, so that we can be saved by

_____.

Now remember, faith is _____ that changes my _____.

According to **Hebrews 11:1**, this faith is _____ and _____ of all we hope for and all we cannot see. In faith we actually have Heaven with us now in a real and substantial way. Faith is the evidence that the God (Trinity) we do not see, is.

We not only have _____ by _____ . Faith is our confidence.

Faith is not just an action we do. Faith is a reality we engage _____, a reality that allows us to live beyond this world and to dwell with Christ in eternal life while being in this world and living out this life.

Wrath—This is the starting point for salvation. Without wrath, we have no need of salvation.

Read John 3:31-35. Here, in Jesus' words, we see:

1. Jesus comes from Heaven and is above all, and _____.
2. He has told us truth.
3. Some have received His words and have set their seal that God is _____.
4. Some have not.
5. Jesus speaks the very words of God by His Spirit.
6. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
7. He who faiths in the Son (who glorifies the Son) has eternal life.
8. The wrath of God abides on the one who does not faith in (who _____) His Son.

Read Romans 1:18-19.

Read Romans 2:5-6.

Now let's read Ephesians 2:1-10. What do we see?

We who are saved *were* by nature children of _____.

But God is rich in mercy and loves us with His great love. So,

God made us alive (eternal life) with Christ (salvation by _____), raised us up, and made us sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We are saved by _____ through _____.

It is a _____ of _____.

We did not _____ salvation, so we cannot _____ about it.

It all begins with God's Wrath.

God's love is the motivation for His grace, but God's wrath is the reason grace is needed. And the wrath of God is a Jesus-teaching, a New Testament teaching that we must take seriously.

Some keys to the *Wrath of God*.

- A. The wrath of God is not simply His response to an individual sin action though we will be judged according to our deeds. It is His righteous response to an impenitent heart. (Romans 2:5-6)
- B. The wrath of God is His just response to our suppression, our dishonoring of the Truth, His Son, Jesus. (Romans 1:18)
- C. The law was given to assuage God's wrath, but it only brings about wrath because all fail to keep it. (Romans 4:15; John 14:6)
- D. All of us were enemies of God/His Son, deserving of His wrath. (Romans 5:9-10)
- E. We all were, by nature, children of wrath before we were saved. (Ephesians 2:3)
- F. We are saved from wrath through Jesus, by His blood. (Romans 5:9)
- G. Those without Christ remain children of wrath. (Ephesians 2:3)

This week, as you are home, will you:

- Ask the Lord to give you a love for your neighbors that causes you to hate to see them continue as children of God's wrath?
- Ask the Lord to convict your neighbors of their separation from Him and to draw them to Himself and toward salvation?
- Ask the Lord for opportunity to speak to your neighbors about Jesus?
- Ask the Lord for courage to speak up when He grants you that opportunity?
- Thank the Lord for the privilege of being a witness to Him?