

God DEMONSTRATES His Love in Jesus Christ

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The Text of Today's Message: Romans 5:6-11

⁶ For while we were **STILL** helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God **DEMONSTRATES** His own love toward us, in that while we were **YET** sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ **MUCH MORE** then, **HAVING NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD**, we shall be **SAVED** from the **WRATH OF GOD** through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were **ENEMIES** we were **RECONCILED** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been **RECONCILED**, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only this, but we also **REJOICE** in God through our **LORD** Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **RECONCILIATION**.

So let's start with the **BAD** News First ...

The Coming Judgment and the Holy **WRATH** of **GOD**

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the **WRATH** of God **abides** (remains / lives / stays) on him (or her)."

The World is like a Prison Ship ... all aboard have a Destiny with a Prison Island to live forever in Torture ... but those who repent and give full allegiance to the King will be set free from the Prison Ship when it docks. But everyone else will be led away as captives to the Prison on the Prison Island. Those set free will be able to live with the King forever.

Because of our **SIN**, yes, the **SIN** we inherited from **ADAM** and **EVE** ... the whole Human Race is under judgment ...

The **ONLY** Rescue from the coming Judgment is **BEING** in **CHRIST**.

Jesus, Himself, is symbolically similar to Noah's Ark ...

8 people entered the **ARK** and were Rescued from Global Judgment and Wrath from God because of **SIN** ... Global, World-Wide Flood, a Global Catastrophe ...

In the Same way God will pour out His Ultimate Judgment on those who still have the Sentence of Death on them - "the wrath of God abiding on them" ... it as though all humans who are not in Christ, have been marked with Judgment, and sentencing will take place in the future. The world that they live in is like living in County Jail, before being sentence to life in Prison ... but in this case, the Lake of Fire, forever.

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Lest you think the Lake of Fire (or what some folks call "Hell") is a harsh place, but still "I'm going to party with all my friends forever ..." **Think again...**

Look at **Revelation 20:10** ... the Devil, along with the Beast (the anti-christ) and the false prophet will all be thrown into the Lake of Fire alive ...

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **TORMENTED day and night forever and ever.**

Another description of the Lake of Fire, the Full Wrath of God expressed:

Look at **Revelation 14:9-11** ... regarding those who take the Mark of the Beast and follow the anti-Christ during the Great Tribulation, who reject Christ and follow and worship the Beast:

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

God created the **Lake of Fire**, **NOT** for Humans, but for the devil and his angels ... it was never intended for humans ...

Jesus spoke the following to His disciples (overall context Matthew 24 & 25)

Matthew 25:41 - Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:46 - And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Revelation 21:8 - But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the **LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE**, which is the second death.

This is **BAD NEWS** indeed. No **HOPE**, No way to rescue ourselves from this inevitable Coming Judgment.

Unless we are in Christ ... then, and **ONLY** then does **GOD DEMONSTRATE** ...

God **DEMONSTRATES** His Own Love Toward us ... in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God **DEMONSTRATES** ... has a beginning ... but is not just in the Past...

It is in the Present

And it implies a Future Demonstration, continuously.

He has Demonstrated ...

He is Demonstrating ...

And He will Continue to Demonstrate in the Future ...

His **AMAZING LOVE** ... in that Christ was Punished in My Place.

I have **ESCAPED**, I am **ESCAPING**, and I will **ESCAPE** and Judgment or Wrath God has ... because Christ Died instead of me.

He took my Punishment that I deserved upon the Cross and Died for me.

He took away my sins as far as the east is from the west, never to be seen again, never to be brought up again.

He has **RESCUED ME**, He has **DELIVERED ME** ... from His **WRATH**

He is **RESCUING ME**, He is **DELIVERING ME** ... from His **WRATH**

He will **RESCUE ME**, He will **DELIVER ME** ... from His **WRATH**

You and I don't deserve this ... but we must at least try to Grasp the Great Dilemma we were in ... we were all, quite literally, on our way to Hell with no hope ... without God, without a prayer, without anyone to rescue us ... until Christ Came into our Lives and Rescued us, Saved us.

We were going over the Niagara Falls of Life, into the Lake of Fire ... heading that way, and it just seemed it wasn't real ... you may not think it is real ... Jesus went to the Cross and Rose from the Dead to prove to us, He was and still is Dead Serious about the reality of Lake of Fire and of God's Wrath and Coming Judgment. He will Judge the World in Righteousness, you can count on it. But, if you are in Christ and Christ is in you, if you are truly Born Again, then you have no fear of every coming under the Judgment of God, because God already Punished Jesus for your sins and mine.

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **HAS** everlasting life, and shall **NOT** come into judgment, but has **PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE.**" (John 5:24)

Today, if you can grasp this Truth, the Reality of the Tremendous Depth of God's Loving Rescue of the "ungodly", His Enemies, and sinners ... and turns enemies into His children, who love Him. Reconciled, brought into His family, no longer outcasts ... but Redeemed, Reconciled, Saved, Delivered, and Rescued.

Much to Rejoice about!

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