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"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"

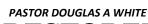


"DELIVERED FROM THE WRATH TO COME" 1 THESSALONIANS 1:10 & SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

- I. STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH CHRIST 1 Th. 1:10
 - A. Confronted with the truth
 - 1. All have sinned and come short of God's glory
 - 2. The wages of sin is <u>death</u>
 - 3. We are all sinners fully <u>worthy</u> of death What standard is the judgment of our lives?
 - 4. The patient, long-suffering God of creation and of all the living has already condemned us, having found us guilty of <u>high treason</u> against the kingdom of God

REMEMBER: God has made <u>faith</u> or <u>trust</u> the operating principle of the entire cosmos and age. Whatever is not of faith is <u>sin</u>. Any act of <u>distrust</u> is sin.

- 5. We are not waiting to see if we have been good enough to get into His kingdom; we are not candidates for the kingdom to start with!
- 6. We are awaiting <u>sentencing</u> which has already been announced just not executed; we are guilty, judged, condemned and waiting for death, hades, and hell
- B. Christ died for us and delivered us from the wrath to come
 - 1. God sent His Son to be the Savior of the World
 - 2. Whoever believes in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, calling on the name of the Lord will be saved from God's horrid judgment
 - 3. Christ bore our sins, suffered and died; paid!





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- C. We are in the age of God's mercy and grace between the resurrection and the coming wrath of God, the Tribulation period spoken of in the book of the revelation of Jesus Christ
- D. We are waiting up for His coming that will deliver us from the coming wrath

II. DELIVERED FROM THE COMING WRATH

- A. Why should God be angry?
 - 1. He is absolutely good, just, loving and holy
 - 2. He is faithful, loyal and truthful in everything
 - 3. He has created all things and provides for them for their benefit and His glory
 - 4. Their expected response is trust, love and gratitude
 - 5. Instead He receives distrust, rejection, violence, pride, arrogance, entitled behavior, rebellion and false worship of idols and other "gods"
 - 6. We <u>reject</u> His prophets, His Word, His authority and even murdered His only Son
- B. How does God demonstrate His anger?
 - 1. First, patiently! He is <u>longsuffering</u> and puts up with a lot of our crude, rude treason while continuing to provide graciously and generously. In mercy, He <u>resists</u> us.
 - 2. With acts of pain, disease, loss, conquest, disaster, and subservience
 - 3. By allowing us to act on our own lusts and live with the <u>consequences</u>; repentance given
 - 4. Punishing finality with no thought of recovery



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