

Not Destined for Wrath

1) "Day of the Lord" – v. 2-3

- Unexpectedly
- Unavoidably
- Destruction – v. 3
- Wrath – v. 9

2) The Wrath Problem – v. 9

a) Wrath is Coming

John 3:36
Rom 2:5-6,8
2 Thess 1:7b-9
Rev 6:16-17

b) Wrath is Taboo

c) Wrath is a Dilemma

Romans 1:18

3) The Wrath Solution – v. 8-10

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ...
who died for us...*

*As 1 Peter put it – He Himself bore our sins in His
body on the cross...*

*As Isaiah put it – God caused the iniquity of us all to
fall on Him.*

*As 2 Corinthians puts it – God made Jesus who knew
no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might
become the righteousness of God in Jesus.*

In the words of the songs we sing...

- 'Til on that cross, where Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied, for every sin on
Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live!
- The mystery of the cross, I cannot comprehend,
the agony of Calvary;
You, the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son,
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me
- Jesus, to redeem our loss,
Hangs upon the shameful cross;
Jesus, who but You could bear
Wrath so great and justice fair?
- My hope is in the Lord
Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price

Of all my sin at Calvary.

No merit of my own
His anger to suppress
My only hope is found
In Jesus' righteousness

- And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

This is the Christian hope!

The only question remaining is “who is the US?”

See 1:4-5,9b-10...

4) Instruction – v. 11

Encourage one another and build up one another...

Praxis

1. How do people seek to forget / deny future “wrath”?
2. Review through verses that speak of wrath in the Day of the Lord (see outline online)... Is God angry? At what?
3. If the effect of the curse in my life (disease, violence, death, etc) are not God’s “wrath,” then what are they for? How should we then respond to them?
4. When and how should we encourage another with “we are not destined for wrath...”?
5. What are the present day implications for our Christian fellowship if “we will live together with Him” - v. 10? [note: ESV misses the “together”]
6. What might be some practical implications of “we are sons of light / sons of day” (v. 5) within context of v. 4-8?

Additional Verses on Wrath

“Day of the Lord”

Ultimate – Isaiah 13:9-13; Joel 3:18; Zeph 2-3; 2 Pet 3:10

Historically – Isa 13:6-8,14-22; Jer 4:8-9; Lam 1:12; Isa 30; Joel 2:1; Obad 15; Zeph 1

Tribulation / Return – Jer 30:7; Joel 2:31-3:1

General – Amos 5:18-20

Other Titles

Day of Vengeance – Isa 34:8, 61:2, 63:4; Hosea 9:7, Luke 21:22

Day of Wrath – Rom 2:5, Psa 110:5, Rev 6:17

Day of Judgment – Rom 2:16

Day of His Burning Anger – Isa 13:13, Lam 2:22

Great and Terrible Day of the Lord – Joel 2:31, Mal 4:5

Final Tribulation

Isa 13:9-13, Dan 9:26-27, Joel 2:30-3:21, Hag 2:6-7, Zech 14:1-15

Matt 24:9-31, Mark 13:9-27, Luke 21:25-28 (not Luke 21:20-24)

Rev 1:7, Rev 6-19