

ROMANS 3:25-26

PROPITIATION

GOSPEL DEFINED

God's wrath toward sin and the sinner is a concept that we would often rather ignore than think through its consequences. Most would rather talk only about love and grace, but, God's wrath and justice are as real as His love and grace. In fact, the biggest problem that every human faces is that the wrath of an all-powerful, holy God is against them because of their sin. Our choice to disobey God earns us the just wrath of God! But, the gospel says that God poured His wrath somewhere else, and that is called propitiation. Propitiation is a sacrifice that bears God's wrath completely so that it isn't just removed, it is also replaced with love and favor.

THE WRATH OF GOD FILLS UP

God's wrath is His _____ disposition toward sin and evil.

God's wrath is described as a _____ that is filled up.

God's wrath is heavy on _____ who _____ against Him.

THE WRATH OF GOD POURS OUT

Propitiation is not simply a sacrifice, appeasement or deflection.

God the Father fully _____ His wrath on His son Jesus.

God the _____ willingly bore all of the _____ wrath as His own.

God _____ sinners to be saved from or _____ by His wrath.

THE WRATH OF GOD IS REPLACED

The mercy of God trades the wrath of God for the _____ of Jesus.

The meeting of God's justice and love compels us to _____, grateful _____.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT...

What are your first thoughts, impressions, or reactions to the phrase "the wrath of God"? Can you articulate why you respond in that way to the phrase?

What is propitiation, and why is it so important for us to understand and believe?

We all have big problems in our lives, but there is one problem every one of us has that is much bigger than any of the others. What is the biggest problem that every human has? How has God provided the solution to this problem?

Who is the "giver" of the cup from which Jesus must drink? (John 18:11) What is Jesus' intention regarding the cup? What is in God's cup? (Jeremiah 25:15,31, Revelation 14:9-10)

Though we many not know it or try to ignore it, God's wrath is a very real problem for us as sinners. Make that thought personal. What does a sinner deserve from the hand of a just God? This is the cup that Jesus drank for you at the cross!

Why does God take sin so seriously? (Job 34:10-12)

Meditate on 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 4:9-10. What observations do you see about God's wrath and our response.

W.S. Plumer wrote, "We never see sin aright until we see it as against God" For most of us, this will take time and meditation to fully understand. We are so blind in our self-absorption that we don't even realize that we often excuse our sin, make light of it, ignore it, avoid it, or deny it. Stop for a moment to think through your response to the truth that, from God's perspective (because of who He is in His perfection and justice) He must hate and punish all sin. How have you seen your view and attitude toward "God's wrath" changed as a result of this study?