

First, the Bad News

Rom. 1:18-23

1. The _____ of God's wrath. (v. 18a)

- In order to be a God of _____, God has to also be a God of _____.
- His wrath is certainly fearsome, yet also controlled, deliberate, measured, and utterly _____.
- He is angry at _____.
- He is angry at _____.

2. The _____ for God's wrath. (vv. 18b-23)

- God's _____ is suppressed. (vv. 18b-20)
 - The word picture painted by the word "suppressed" depicts a man _____ to keep the lid of a container closed so that whatever is inside cannot escape.
- God is _____ by foolish men. (vv. 21-22)
 - Paul chose the term *moros*, from which we derive the English word "_____", to describe the self-inflicted foolishness of men who seek to live as if God doesn't exist.
- God is _____ by idols. (v. 23)
 - All men worship something, though they often confuse the _____ with the _____.
 - They look to their paychecks and our bank accounts for provision, dutifully serve their own livelihoods, and even _____ their marriage and children on the altar of career.

3. The _____ expression of God's wrath. (Rom. 5:8-9)

- But the most _____ revelation of God's holy wrath and hatred against sin was when He poured out divine judgment on His Son on the cross.
- We had _____ God's wrath because of our sins.
- And we're _____ by the death of One who had no sin of His own, the Son of God who loved us.

Calvary Connection Group

Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 5, 2020

Getting to Know Me

- What is your favorite kind of pie? Your least favorite? Why?
- Do you prefer going to the coast or the mountains? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
- When God told Moses His name (Ex. 34:6-7), what two fundamental attributes of His were displayed. What are they? How does that relate to God's wrath?
- How does God feel about the eternal death of many of His creatures in hell? (Hint: see 2 Pet. 3:9; Ez. 18:32; 33:11)
- Rom. 2:5 says we were storing up wrath by our stubbornness and unrepentant hearts before we came to Jesus. What does Jesus say we should be storing up now that we know Him (Matt. 6:19-21)? How can we do that?

Application

- Most of us would say that lawlessness was a big problem in our culture. But how would you say that irreverence has impacted our culture for the worse?
- Renown scientist like Pascal, Newton, Galileo, Kepler, and more, were believers in God and saw evidence of Him in every aspect of creation. Why do you think most of today's scientists reject God because of their studies?
- Imagine Jesus on the cross, already pierced and bleeding, suffering the tortures of the cross for hours, at the moment when God turns away and Jesus cries out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me!" How would you have reacted if you had suffering that kind of "adding insult to injury" moment?