

Reasons for the Wrath of God, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1:19-33.
- B. The good news has to begin with the bad news first: the wrath of God.
- C. Jesus taught about the wrath and judgment of God throughout his ministry.
- D. Paul gives reasons for the wrath of God demonstrating that it is just.

II. Revelation: God has shown himself and his standards in creation. (John 1:9)

- A. Man is responsible because God has been revealed.
- B. Still, no one can be saved apart from Jesus Christ. God will bring those who love the light the have the message of Jesus Christ. (John 16)

III. Rejection.

- A. Men have turned away from the revelation given them.
- B. They refused to give God's glory.
- C. We glorify God....
 - 1. By confessing Jesus as Lord. (Philippians 2:9)
 - 2. By living for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - 3. By confessing our sin. (Joshua 7:19, 1 John 1)
 - 4. By trusting him.
 - 5. By praising him. (Psalm 50, John 14:13-14, 1 Peter 4:10-11, 2 Thessalonians 3:1, 1 Corinthians 6)
 - 6. By moral purity.
 - 7. By winning people to Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4, John 15:8)
- D. The people were not thankful to God who gives all good things. (Luke 17)
- E. The real issue is that men seek to glorify themselves. (Daniel 4, Revelation 14:6)
- F. Human wisdom poisons the man. It is vain illusion. (Colossians 2:8)

IV. Rationalization

- A. Rationalization is losing touch with reality. Man loses the power to discriminate.
- B. People falsely rely on philosophy, liberal theology and psychology. This is deceptive.
- C. Men were wise only in their conceited self-perception.
- D. Philosophy is always set against the gospel. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Application Questions:

1. In what ways is it important to demonstrate that God is just today?

2. Should one avoid philosophy altogether because one cannot find all answers of God from it? Explain.

3. Which way of glorifying God do you fail to fulfill the most? How can you grow in this area?
