

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Wrath or Righteousness

A Spiritual Wheel Alignment for the Believer

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Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it [*the*] *righteousness of God is revealed* from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS [man] SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

What is the Gospel?

It is the revelation of the Father, through Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit

John 12:44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. **45** "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

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John 12:49 ESV- (Jesus said) For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak.

➤ Everything Jesus did revealed the Father

John 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless [it is] something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

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- Righteousness is everything that is God
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- Every word He says and everything He does
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- Every action and every reaction as seen through the life of Jesus in the gospel is the righteousness of God revealed
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- So, Jesus revealed the righteousness of God through both everything He said, and everything He did
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- In the Gospels Jesus leaves us the undeniable absolute example of true righteousness
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- That is; we testify to the truth not only by what we say, but by how we live
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- To speak the truth by what we say and yet deny the truth by how we live is to suppress the truth in unrighteousness

Rom 1:18 For *the wrath of God is revealed* from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of *men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness*,

- To suppress the truth in unrighteousness simply means to place restrictions on the truth by saying or doing those things that are not right with God
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- It means to hinder the truth from being seen by those around us through our actions or our words...

Wrath -*thumos* – Fierce and Passionate Hot Anger

- This wrath originates from God and is revealed from heaven
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- It is directed against men who who through ungodliness, and unrighteousness, suppress the truth
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- Suppress means to hold down the truth and keep it from being seen through our actions or our words
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- This can also be done through deliberate halve truths...
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- This can be done by saying all the right things and yet doing all the wrong things

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

- Everyone outside of Christ abides in the wrath of God...

Eph 2:1 ESV - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? **47** "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them,...

John 3:36 ESV- Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; *whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

1Th 5:7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we are of [the] day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Bible is a book of illustrations:

2 Accounts of Bitter Waters

Exo 15:22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

Exo 15:23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

Exo 15:24 So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" **25** Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw [it] into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them.

- **They were at this place for three days**
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- **The Lord showed Moses a tree**
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- **Moses is a type of Christ, and the tree represents the cross – *an illustration of Salvation through Jesus***

The Instruction After the Salvation:

Exo 15:26 And He (*The Lord*) said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

2nd Account of Bitter Waters:

2 Kings 2:19 ESV- Now the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful."

2 Kings 2:20 He said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it." So they brought [it] to him. **21** He went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or unfruitfulness any longer.'"

- **Elisha represents the church; the mantle of Elijah came upon Elisha- *like the mantle of Jesus came upon the church***
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- **The New Jar represents our newness of life**
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- **You can't put salt into an old jar, any more than you can put new wine into an old wineskin**
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- **The salt represents the true believer's role in the earth**

Mat 5:13 AMP- "***You are the salt of the earth;*** but if the salt has lost its taste (**purpose**), how can it be made salty? ***It is no longer good for anything,*** but to be thrown out and walked on by people...

- **Righteousness and Wrath both come from God**
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- **Righteousness places you on the right side of Father God**
- **Wrath keeps you on the wrong side of God**
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- **The Gospel is the Only Way to place yourself on the right side of God**
- **Suppressing the Gospel is the only way to find yourself back on the wrong side of God Again!**