

THE WRATH OF GOD AGAINST SIN IS NEVER APPEASED

Pagans think that the wrath of the deity's must be appeased so that good can come to them. They try to appease the gods by sacrifices, offerings, ceremonies, and even self-torture. Like Adam, all people in their sin nature think that God has changed and must be feared and appeased. Adam fled from God. But the Bible never speaks of God changing his attitude toward Adam because of his sin. God sought Adam and promised Adam a Savior from sin. The Bible only speaks of the need for man to be changed, man's need of being reconciled to God. The Bible never speaks of God needing to be changed in His attitude toward man, or God's need to be reconciled to man. God's love toward man was never lost. The Bible never speaks of God's wrath toward sinful men needing to be appeased. The Bible never says that God's wrath needed to be appeased by the death of Christ. God's wrath is always perfect and never needs to be decreased, changed, or appeased. God always hates sin because it hurts men. The wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men even more dreadfully after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. We should be glad that God never changes in His attitude toward sin. Many try to change the disposition of God because they think God has changed in His attitude toward them. Doing acts or thinking ways by which God can be appeased and change His attitude is terribly damaging. Considering Christ as one whom God poured out His wrath in order for Him to forgive us and be gracious to us is a terribly damaging view of God. Believing that one can never escape the wrath of God unless His wrath be poured out upon someone innocent, namely Jesus, is never taught in Scripture and is terribly damaging to humanity. The love of God never needed to be restored. God demonstrated His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ was sent to die in order to take away our sin. Scripture says that we are not saved from God's wrath by the death of Jesus. Scripture says that we are reconciled to God by the death of Jesus and that we are saved by His resurrection life. And we shall be saved from the wrath to come if we have believed and received Jesus and His indwelling Spirit. The wrath to come is also called the wrath of the Lamb in Revelation 6:16. The wrath of God needs no appeasing and will be fully poured out on the unbelieving people and upon Satan as described in Revelation 20. Believers in Christ are taken out from under the wrath of God because they are changed and made into new creations in Christ. It is man who needs to be reconciled to God by being changed. God does not need to be reconciled to man. God does not need to be appeased. God does not need anything to enable Him to forgive sin. God always freely forgives sin. God holds no person back from receiving reconciliation through Christ. God does not count our sin against Him as unforgiven even when we crucified the Son of God. 2 Corinthians 5:19