

TWO GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOD

By the Cross of Jesus, God has demonstrated two great and unchangeable truths.

(1) God is love, and (2) sin is the atrocious antithesis of God and life and love.

God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

God sending His own Son, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Romans 8:3b

The condemnation of sin in the flesh means that sin, by killing the sinless Son of God, proved itself to be the atrocious enemy of life that it had always been. The consequence of sin is death. Romans 6:23a

The eternal and immense condemnation of sin by the Cross of Jesus proved His right of authority to remove sin from all creation. Jesus arose with all judgment at His disposal. Jesus is presently reconciling men to God by making those who believe and receive Him into new creations. New creations in Christ have judicial reconciliation with God. Judicial reconciliation means that a person of faith is being changed and is made in right standing with God. God never changes, and God never reconciled Himself to man. God freely forgives especially those who have become new creations in Christ. God does not have to be coerced into forgiving. God does not have to punish someone in order to forgive. The wrath of God does not require appeasement in order for a man to be saved from sin. The man must be changed and brought out from under the wrath of God. The wrath of God is never appeased toward sin nor sinners.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life for God's wrath remains on him.

TWO GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOD AT THE CROSS OF JESUS

(Study Questions)

Romans 5:8 God demonstrated His love.

Romans 8:3 God orchestrated the greatest condemnation of sin.

This condemnation is eternal and immense.

What does the resurrection of Jesus prove? John 5:22b

Jesus' resurrection proved His right to judge and remove sin from creation.

What does Jesus do to reconcile believers with God? Romans 5:10b

Jesus makes the believer a new creation. Jesus changes those who receive Him.

What is the basis for removal from the wrath of God? John 3:36

The one who believes in Jesus is moved out from under God's wrath.

The believer is a new creation "in Christ."

God does not need to punish anyone to cool His wrath.

God never changes.

God was not punishing Jesus in our place.

God was not pouring out His wrath on Jesus.

Romans 5:8 God demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 8:3b God sending His own Son, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

John 5:22b The Father has entrusted all judgment to the Son.

Romans 5:10b Having been reconciled, we shall be saved through His (Jesus) life.

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