

THE OTHER SIDE  
OF WRATH

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ALL DUE  
RESPECT...

**Romans 1:18-2:11**

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3. Whenever we reject the knowledge of God, God gives us over (v28).

The person who knows but resists truth does not go away from the encounter morally neutral. Truth resisted hardens the heart. It makes it all the more difficult to recognize truth the next time around. Life is not a game without consequences. By our response to God's revelation we are determining our own destiny.

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Those believers looking at the lawlessness in our nation and calling for the wrath of God, may have it wrong. There's a sense in which what we are experiencing today is the result of wrath not a reason for it.

The surprising thing about Paul's understanding of God's wrath in Romans is that the immorality and the foolishness is the punishment, not simply the cause for punishment.

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COMMENDING OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

LEADS US TO STRANGLE

THE HOPE AND LIFE OF JESUS.

Paul opposes an over-confidence in God's favor because it surpasses the truth. It leaves those considering themselves safe and saved to also be "without excuse."

**Human effort, however, godly the intent is,  
can't save us from the penalty of sin.**

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

Zephaniah 1:18

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Lamentations 3:22

I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man—the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.

Hosea 11:9

God's wrath is averted not because of human effort but his loving kindness to us in Jesus Christ.

Since we have now been justified by his blood,  
how much more shall we be saved from God's  
wrath through him!

Romans 5:9

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

It is psychologically true that people tend to criticize in others those negative traits of which they themselves are guilty. Psychologists call this “projection.” Nothing blinds a person more than the certainty that only others are guilty of moral faults.

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## **QUESTION**

**How do we live the other side of wrath?**

DO FOR OTHERS WHAT  
GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:4

Richly is a favorite word of Paul. He uses it to describe the quality of God's gifts (see 2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:4, 7; 3:8, 16; Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27). God isn't just kind, long-suffering and patient, He is lavishly kind, long-suffering and lavishly patient.

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

Romans 11:22

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