

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*Christian Doctrine Compendium Series*

Sin, Justification, Sanctification, Reconciliation

God's Righteous Wrath

Romans 1:16-20 LSB

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. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH." 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, both His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."

Discussion Questions:

1. In vv.16 it says, "for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes".
 - What is the *power* in the gospel?
 - How is salvation obtained?
2. What does *righteousness* mean?
3. In vv.17 discuss:
 - *the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith*
 - *BUT THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH*
4. What is the difference between ungodliness and unrighteousness?
5. Give examples of how man suppress the truth?
6. What are some of His invisible attributes?
7. Why is it important to understand the depth of our sin and God's wrath? What is *righteous wrath*?
8. In sharing the Good News, why is it important to share the BAD news? What does that sound like when you are talking with someone?

Reflect and Apply:

Did someone share the Good News with you? Did you truly understand God's wrath and what you have been saved from? Do you feel that others also desperately need the Good News and be saved from His wrath? Share the Good News with someone this week.