

## The Wrath of God - Romans 2:1-29

### Into the Lesson:

Spend some time reading and **praying** through Psalm 99. Focus on the attributes that point to Righteousness and Holiness of our Sovereign Heavenly Father. From this Psalm, what stands out most to you as a source of:

Comfort-  
Strength-  
Assurance-

Now spend some time in Jerimiah 10:6-10 for a glimpse of the "rest of the story" concerning God.

### Into the Word:

What do you suppose the "mood shift" was like as Paul switched from the castigation of "they" and "them" from Romans 1 to the "Therefore you..." remarks of Romans 2? How do we see this same shift in verses like Ephesians 2:1-6?

As we considered what righteousness looks like from Psalm 99, read chapter 2 and list what righteousness **isn't**.

Lane pointed out last week that Rome was known for "power and immorality", but this doesn't appear to be isolated to the Roman church. Read some of Paul's admonitions to some of the other churches:

I Corinthians 6:9-20-  
Galatians 5:19-21-  
Colossians 3:5-9-  
II Timothy 3:1-5-

How is it possible that in one generation the church has moved from "...feeling a sense of awe..." (Acts 2:43) to the point where anything seems to go in Romans? What got in their way?

Perhaps because of Dr. Luke's influence, Paul is "*long on diagnosis and long on cure*". Spend some time reading some of Paul's (God's) prescription for the ailing church.

Romans 6:12-14-  
II Corinthians 4:7-10-  
Galatians 5:13-18-  
Philippians 4:4-8-  
See also; Matthew 25:34-40 and James 1:19-25-

### Into Life:

Lane has mentioned in past sermons (all of which he's hit out of the park) that the church is sometimes guilty of not "sharing the truth in love". What steps can we take to make sure that is not true of us?

Sometimes, "the least of these" are not just the physically destitute. Who are some of those who seem to be so far off or outcasts that need to experience the *right influence* the church has to offer?

Respond to Lane's statement, "...God's Provision of a Savior is directly related to our predicament as sinners."

How do we make known ours, and others, need to address the provision God has made for His wrath to a culture that doesn't want to address the consequence of our sin before a loving, just, and wrathful God?

**He is so so Good and He has made a  
such a way for Us!**