

## Introduction

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”*

*“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”* John 3:16-18, 36

## Two Quick Takeaways

### **I. God’s wrath is an expression of his love of truth and standards.**

Allan Bloom: “Man has always thought that he was right and that has led to wars, slavery, xenophobia, racism and sexism. What we need to do today is not correct the mistakes of the past but to realize we are not right at all.”

God’s Fury: “settled opposition to evil.”

## **II. God’s wrath is also an expression of his love for his people.**

“Think of how you feel when you see a loved one being ravaged by wrong actions or relationships. How do you feel? Do you have a benign tolerance toward the situation? How do you feel toward a friend who is making horrible decisions and are sinking deeply into the pit of addiction? When I’m in their presence I feel angry. I want to shake them and tell them: ‘Can’t you see what you are doing to yourself? I can’t stand to see you this way! Every time I see you you’ve become less and less the good person you were. I can barely recognize you and it pains me deeply because I love you!’...“Real love stands against the sins that destroy. Love and fury are inseparably bound by human experience. Now, if I, a morally flawed narcissist can feel rage towards someone I love, how much more does a selfless, loving, morally perfect God feel angry at his creation when they do things that harm themselves and other!” by Becky Piper in “Hope Has a Reason.”

*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate.”* Matthew 23: 37-39

*“but whoever does not believe stands condemned already”(vs. 18)  
“for God’s wrath remains on them.” (vs. 36)*

*"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth..."*  
Romans 1:18

**III. God's love and fury are satisfied and meet together on the cross.**

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(vss. 16-17)

Romans 8:1 says, *"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* Romans 8:1

*"Whoever believes in him is not condemned." (vs. 36)*

**“Fire and Fury”**  
**John 3: 16-18, 36**

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If You Truly Internalize “No Condemnation”

1. The more you see your sin the more it drives you toward God instead of away from him.
2. You will live without any fear of death, hell, the future or judgement. When you think of meeting God face to face, instead of being afraid, you'll look forward to it.
3. You'll deal with your conscience differently.

*“He is my righteousness, holiness and redemption.”* I Corinthians 1:30