







Everyone Will Meet God

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:27** And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,
- ^{NAS} **Amos 4:12** "Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel; Because I shall do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel."
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 3:3** 'Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.



It Will be Terrifying for Some

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:31** It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- ^{NAS} **Exodus 33:20** But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"
- ^{NIV} **Revelation 6:16** They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"



It Will be Joy for Others

- ^{NIV} **Philippians 1:22** If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, ⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:28** so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.



The Blood of Christ

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle ... ¹² ... through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption ... ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant ...
- 1) Sacrifices of Atonement (Leviticus 4-6, Isaiah 53)
 - Atonement for sin
 - Accomplishes reconciliation of man with God through forgiveness and cleansing.
- 2) Blood of the covenant (Exodus 24:8)
 - Sanctification
 - Consecrated as holy to God and dedicated to his service.



OT Rituals

- “The principal purpose of the OT rites and ceremonies was to enable men to ‘draw near’ to God. They cleansed the body and thus removed the ceremonial defilement which prevented access, but they did not cleanse the heart or take away sins.”

➤ James D.G. Dunn, *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*



Clean, Inside and Out

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:13** For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?





Sin Does Incur the Wrath of God

- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 9:18** "And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger. ¹⁹ "For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you
- ^{NAS} **Romans 2:5** But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 3:6** For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience



The Reason for Wrath

- ^{NAS} **Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
 - ^{NAS} **Romans 4:15** for the Law brings about wrath
 - ^{NAS} **Romans 6:13** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness
- Reason for wrath is twofold:
1. Defilement (ungodliness)
 2. Unrighteousness



The Cure for Wrath

- Reason for wrath is twofold:
 1. Defilement (ungodliness)
 2. Unrighteousness

- Cure for wrath must do two things:
 1. Cleanse the individual from defilement
 2. Make the individual righteous

- If an individual is cleansed from defilement and made righteous the reason for wrath is removed and the individual delivered from wrath.



Jesus Provides the Cure

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:22** And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
²³ Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. ²⁶ ... but now ... He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself ... ²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.



Just and the Justifier

- ^{NAS} **Romans 3:21** But now apart from the Law the **righteousness** of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the **righteousness** of God through **faith** in Jesus Christ for all those who **believe**; ... ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through **faith**. This was to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His **righteousness** at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith** in Jesus.

➤ *Lit. righteousified (24), righteous and righteousifier (26)*



Application



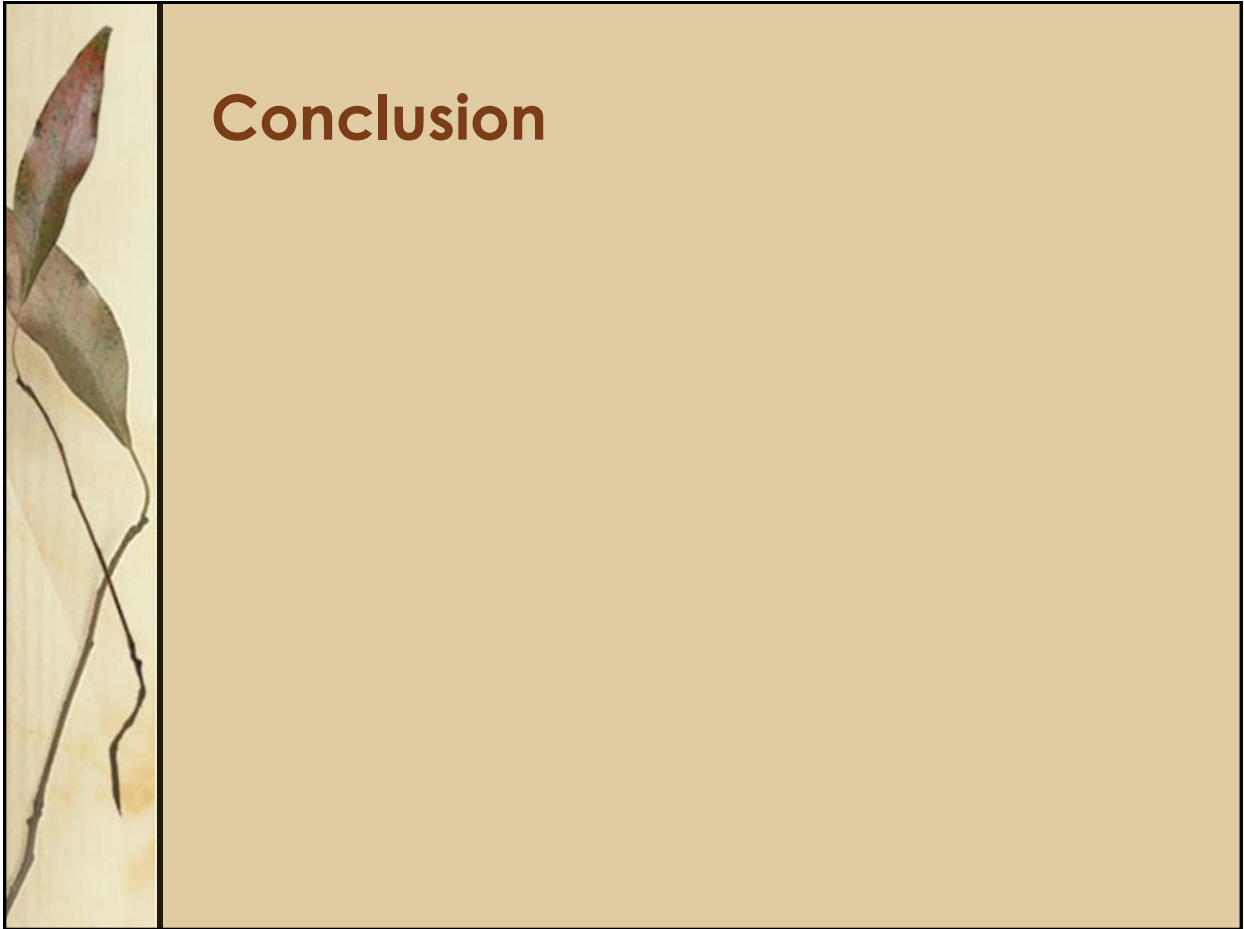
The Key is Faith

- Lit **John 3:36** "The continuously believing in the Son one has eternal life; but the continuously disbelieving in the Son one shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- NAS **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes [every continuously believing one], ... ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall 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,



Faith is the Victory

- ^{NAS} **Romans 4:2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; ... ³ For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ... ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,
- ^{NIV} **Philippians 3:9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.
- ^{ESV} **1 John 5:4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.



Conclusion



Mechanics of Salvation

1. The unrighteousness and defilement from sin incurs God's wrath.
2. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from defilement, demonstrates God's righteousness and results in our righteousness.
3. By the Holy Spirit we are united to the ascended Christ through faith and so our faith is credited to us as righteousness because we share the righteousness of Christ.
4. Consequently we are delivered from God's wrath and transferred into His eternal kingdom.



Prepare to Meet Thy God

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- ^{NAS} **Colossians 1:12** give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.



- In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
- Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.