

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

**Sermon Series: Why Did Jesus Come and Die?  
JESUS CAME TO ABSORB THE WRATH OF GOD  
Romans 3:21-26**

**Main Thought:** In order to understand why Jesus came to absorb the wrath of God, we need to review some important Biblical concepts found in Romans 3:21-26.

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD
  - 1) God is infinitely righteous in Himself and that righteousness is exercised in His \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven and earth.
  - 2) We can't begin to understand God's justice until we understand \_\_\_\_\_.
2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is God's righteous anger and punishment \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old and New Testaments.
  - 3) On account of our sin, we \_\_\_\_\_ the wrath of God.
3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD AND \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Because of His \_\_\_\_\_ for us God found another way to deal with our sin and satisfy His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) God sent Jesus to be the \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for our sin.
4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) God takes sin \_\_\_\_\_ and so should we.
  - 2) Sinners need to \_\_\_\_\_ of their sin and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read Romans 3:23-26. What themes and Biblical concepts do you find there?

2. God is called just and a justifier in Romans 3:23-26. What does it mean that God is just? (Rom. 2:5; Prov. 24:12; Psalm 7:11, 89:14; 1 Peter 1:17)

3. Why do we need to understand sin in order to understand God's justice? What is sin? Why is it offensive to God and why does He have to punish sin? (1 John 3:4; Matt. 6:12; Romans 1:18-32, 2:5, 3:23)

4. What is the wrath of God? Is His wrath consistent throughout the Bible? (Jer. 30:23-24; Nahum 1:2-3; Romans 1:18; Revelation 19:15)

5. What do sinners deserve from God because of their sin? (Rom. 1:18, 6:23; Eph. 2:3)

6. What attribute of God prompted Him to find a way for sinners to avoid the wrath of God? (See Eph. 2:1-5; 1 John 4:10)

7. Jesus is described as the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins. What does that mean? (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 4:10)

8. Why was Jesus able to die in our place on the cross and absorb and exhaust God's wrath on our behalf? (Luke 1:26-37; 2 Cor. 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5)

9. How does a person receive the benefits of Christ's death on the cross? (Rom. 3:36, 6:23; 10:9; Eph. 2:8-9)

10. How does Jesus' death on the cross make God just and the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus?

11. How should we respond to the truths found in Romans 3:23-26? What lessons do you learn? What applications to your life will you make?