

Wrath-Removing Blood

Blood Wonder
Romans 3.23-25

The Bloody Bible

- “Blood Wonder” – What does the blood of Christ accomplish?
- “Our Bloody History”

Purchased by the Blood

- Slave market
- Purchased men and women from every people, tongue, tribe and nation

The Anger of God

- Romans 3:21–25 (ESV) — 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. ...

The Anger of God

- Romans 3:21–25 (ESV) — ... For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 1:18 (ESV) — 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 1:19–23 (ESV) — 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ...

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 1:19–23 (ESV) — ... 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 2:5 (ESV) — 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 3:10–18 (ESV) — 10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” 13 “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” ...

The Anger of God – Its Object

- Romans 3:10–18 (ESV) — ... 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” 15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

The Anger of God – Its Purpose

- Romans 3:21 (ESV) — 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law...
- Isaiah 64:6 (ESV) — 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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The Anger of God – Its Purpose

- John 3:14–15 (ESV) — 14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

“Propitiation by his blood”

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“Propitiation by his blood”

- Propitiation = a wrath-removing sacrifice

No more anger!

- Propitiation – the sweetest word in the English language

Sin and Discipline

- Hebrews 12.6-11

