Who Is God Really?

Tony Mauck · John 17:3

INTRODUCTION

- This is eternal life that they might know you, the only true and living God. And Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- When I ask the question, who is God really? You need to be able to answer that question. Eternal life hangs in the balance.
- God's love does not exclude wrath toward evildoers. Everybody is not going to be saved because God is love.

1 God's Amazing Love Is Evidenced by His Patience

2 Peter 3:9; 2 Peter 3:15

- One of the ways in which the amazing love of God is evidenced is in his patience.
- He's not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- And account the long suffering or the patience of our Lord as salvation.
- God's love is evidenced in the fact that you and I are still breathing oxygen today. He awaits more people to be saved.
- We're here today because God's patient.
- Our business as God's people is to assist in God's desire for more people to come to repentance.

2 God's Compelling Love Is Extended by His Mercy

Titus 3:3–8; Matthew 18; 1 John 2:1

- The sentence that every last one of us deserve. Everyone in this assembly this morning, what we deserve is eternal banishment.
- When the kindness of God, our Savior, and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us. Not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy.
- The person in the story initially that has forgiven this amazing debt that could never be repaid, that's all of us.
- We need to never lose sight of the fact of our indebtedness to God.
- Simple gratitude should compel a loving and faithful and obedient and sinless response to God.
- We should never ever take a cavalier attitude toward the commission of a single sin.

3 If We Spurn His Love, We Shall Receive His Wrath

Romans 1:18; Colossians 3:6; Hebrews 2:2–3

- But if we spurn his love, we shall receive his wrath.
- God was angry. His patience had run out.
- The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness.

- For on account of these things, the wrath of God will come.
- How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

4 God's Wrath Is an Expression of His Holy Love

Matthew 23

- The wrath of God is not a contradiction to the love of God.
- His wrath is with purpose and direction and control. Sin is incompatible with his righteous nature.
- If God is not a God of wrath, his love is just sentimentality. Mercy is meaningless, and the cross was cruel.
- Why die on a cross? Unless God is trying to save us from the wrath that is to come.
- Oh Jerusalem, how I would have gathered you under my wings like a mother hen would her chicks. He loved them.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you put on Christ? Have you been immersed into him, rising to walk in newness of life, so that you can escape the horrible wrath of God that is to come.

MY NOTES