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Transforming Daily
“ . . . wrath of almighty God . . . ”
Revelation 19:15b.

When was the last time you heard that terminology, “wrath of almighty God?” It’s all but totally eliminated from many pulpits in America due to the claim that it is too harsh, negative, and condemning. Many believers have forgotten, and unbelievers are absolutely clueless, to what was unleashed on Jesus Christ at Calvary to bring salvation to a lost and dying world. Here is a reminder. Because of our sin, God Almighty unleashed His wrath upon His only begotten Son. He was (and is) our substitutionary atonement for sin. Further, He was (and is) the propitiation to God for the payment of sin’s debt.

Most Christians today want to talk about God’s love as if it doesn’t include His wrath. Theologically and biblically, there was no greater expression of God’s love than when His wrath was poured out on Jesus at Calvary (John 3:16). God’s love and His wrath, just as His righteousness and justice, are all mutually inclusive. To lack any of these is to lack all of them.

Listen to the latest “talk” from the preacher (or Bible couch as some ministers refer to themselves now). Many preachers don’t use the Bible except as a spring board from a text that serves to support their pet peeve or pop culture interest, or any passage that can be construed ultimately to make the hearer feel good or better about themselves. As a matter of fact, there are some preachers and teachers that use popular self-help books as the text for what it is they want to say instead of preaching the Word of God. Concerning doctrine, orthodoxy, and orthopraxy, these are very dangerous times in which to live.

What is the answer? Know the truth. Become and remain a good and steadfast student of the Word of God. Study His Word hard. Don’t settle for a “quick fix” or a “warm and fuzzy” substitute for the authoritative, unadulterated, powerful, convicting, correcting, reproofing, rebuking, righteousness enlightening, mercy filled, Word of God. Some preachers and teachers get away with teaching something less than or totally other than the Word of God as the Word of God. One of the reasons this is so is because of the hearers not being disciplined or willing enough to hold the preachers and teachers accountable to preach and teach the whole counsel of God – the Bible.

Do you know the Word of God when you hear it? Do you want to hear the Word of God? Have you bought into the idea that biblical love is mutually exclusive to righteousness, justice, holiness, and the wrath of almighty God?