

Spring Quarter 2026

God's Wrath Satisfied in Christ

God's Wrath on Sin

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| Mar. 1 | The Dross of Unrighteousness | <i>Ezekiel 22:17-31</i> |
| Mar. 8 | The Way of the Lord Is Just | <i>Ezekiel 33:12-20</i> |
| Mar. 15 | God's Wrath Revealed | <i>Romans 1:18-23</i> |

God's Wrath Poured Out

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| Mar. 22 | Jesus Prepares for Death | <i>Mark 14:32-52</i> |
| Mar. 29 | Jesus Bears God's Wrath | <i>Mark 15:16-39</i> |
| Apr. 5 | Jesus Overcomes the Grave (Easter) | <i>Mark 16:1-8</i> |
| Apr. 12 | The Destruction of False Teachers | <i>2 Peter 2:1-10a</i> |
| Apr. 19 | The Deception of False Teachers | <i>2 Peter 2:10b-22</i> |

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| Apr. 26 | God's Righteous Judgment | <i>Romans 2:1-16</i> |
| May 3 | Righteousness through Faith | <i>Romans 3:21-31</i> |
| May 10 | Saved from Wrath | <i>Romans 5:1-11</i> |
| May 17 | The Second Adam | <i>Romans 5: 12-21</i> |
| May 24 | The End of the Law | <i>Romans 10:1-13</i> |
| May 31 | Christ's Sacrifice Once for All | <i>Hebrews 10:1-10</i> |

This quarter's concepts are unpopular nowadays. The present culture does not tolerate the biblical concept of God's wrath. The flow of thought this quarter begins with God's justice and wrath toward human sin in lessons 1-3. Lessons 1-3 explain the contents of the cup of God's wrath that Jesus reflects on and drinks down to the dregs in lessons 4-6. Lessons 7-8 reflect on false teaching that, in New Testament times and today, would seek to convince people that sin is no big deal. This was a denial of the very logic of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, that costly price paid by God because of the horror of sin. Lessons 9-13 follow the logic of the gospel in Romans. God's just judgment on all people, religious and irreligious, clarifies the nature of Christ's sacrifice. The death of Christ was a costly and drastic response to human sin because human sin is as deep and old as the Garden of Eden. Lesson 14 takes a broad view of both the life and death of Christ and the enduring, eternal solution to sin that it provides.

The purpose of studying God's wrath this quarter is not merely to reflect on God's judgment. It is to emphasize that God's wrath has been satisfied in Christ. If we only announce that God judges sin, we have ultimately failed to declare the Christian message. Make sure that after your teachers have emphasized the problem, they share God's glorious solution with their classes.

The second unit emphasizes that God's wrath was poured out on Christ, and the third unit rejoices in this glorious reality. We are saved entirely by grace through faith in Christ. Because Christ has fully borne the wrath of God, we do not have to. Through our identification with Him (or "in" Him, as the New Testament sometimes puts it), we are delivered. As in Adam all died, so in Christ shall all be made alive (cf. 1 Cor. 15:22)!

Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice (lesson 14) has no lack. We do not need to add anything to it. No amount of good works, giving, or religious rites are required. We can be confident that if we have faith in Christ, His blood completely covers us.

We must not shirk from declaring the bad news of God's wrath against sin and our terrible predicament apart from Christ, but never stop there! Because God's wrath has been satisfied in Christ, we can live joyful, thankful, and obedient lives!