

December 9, 2021

**The Gifts of Christ: We are saved from God's wrath!**

**Rom. 5:9, "Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!" (NIV)**

In 1741, revival began to sweep through the young colonies of America. The Great Awakening was fueled by a passionate evangelist named **Jonathan Edwards**. He, along with George Whitfield, began to confront the people of this new country with the claims of the gospel of Christ. His most famous sermon was preached with power and conviction; "*Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God.*"

This message brought a righteous fear into the lives of people who had taken the love of God for granted and begun to live for themselves rather than for Him. **Heb. 10:29-31** *How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* (NIV)

Unfortunately, the message of Hell is not so often preached, and many do not even understand the penalty of refusing the salvation of the LORD. It is said that when Edwards preached this message, that people literally felt the righteous hand of the LORD falling down on them in judgment. The LORD is absolutely and completely pure and holy. He cannot allow the slightest sin into His presence. This is why the gift of Christ, the purchase of our salvation and the payment of our sins, has saved us from the wrath of God. "*It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*"

**Dear LORD, thank You for taking the wrath that we deserved. All of Your righteous angry was poured out upon Jesus on the cross. He took it all for us. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**