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"For our Gospel (Good-news) came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as you know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And you became followers of us, <u>and of the Lord</u>, having received <u>the word</u> in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit; so that you were examples to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out <u>the word of the Lord</u> not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves declare about us what manner of entering in we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* <u>Jesus</u>, who delivers us from the wrath to come." (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

Delivers: from the Greek word <u>*rhyomenon*</u> which means: to snatch out; to pull or draw to oneself; <u>to deliver</u> or rescue someone from danger or destruction – into the safety of the one who is the Deliverer - even Jesus!

Us: from the Greek word <u>hemas</u> which means: <u>us;</u> in context: the writer Paul is referring to all like minded 'followers' of Jesus who believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

From: from the Greek word **ek** which means: <u>from-out-of</u>; or <u>out-from-within (and into</u> <u>somewhere else</u>); the context is: that before a person surrenders their life to Jesus in faith as Lord and Savior – that person is, or was, already <u>destined</u> for the coming wrath of God. And it is <u>from that destiny</u> that followers of Jesus are delivered from.

Wrath: from the Greek words <u>orges</u> (orge) which means: <u>wrath</u>; anger, punishment, vengeance. In context: the settled <u>wrath</u> of God which has been pre-determined as eternal punishment and damnation (in hell: see Matt. 23:33), and separation from God, for those persons who have not followed Jesus in faith as both <u>Lord</u> and Savior.

to Come: from the Greek word <u>erchomenes</u> which means: <u>to-come</u>; or <u>coming</u>; in context of the scriptures the eternal Wrath of God <u>will come</u> upon those persons who have not put their faith (belief) and life in Jesus as Lord and Savior; this happens after physical death, and when they are sentenced at the Judgement seat of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only are followers of Jesus delivered from the wrath to come; but those who become true followers of Jesus also receive peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; and access by faith into His Grace; and the love of God in our hearts; and the Holy Spirit is given to us; and the Joy of the Lord; as it says:

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: through whom also we have access by faith into this (His) Grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him (through Jesus). For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:1-11)

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Please consider the following:

"But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, 'O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee <u>from the</u> <u>Wrath to come</u>? Therefore, **bring forth fruits worthy for** <u>repentance</u>; and do not think to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham to our father.' For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore every <u>tree (i.e. every person)</u> which does not bring forth good fruit is chopped down, and cast into the fire.'" (<u>Matthew 3:7-10</u>) (see also <u>Luke 3:1-8</u>)

Jesus said, "<u>The Father loves the Son (Jesus)</u>, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son <u>has Everlasting Life</u>; but he who does not believe the Son shall not see life; but the <u>wrath of God abides on him</u>." (John 3:35-36)

Jesus also said, "Enter you in at the strait gate; for <u>wide is the gate, and broad is the way,</u> <u>that leads to destruction (& wrath)</u>, and many there be who go in therein; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, **and few there be that find it**. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (<u>Matthew 7:13-15</u>)

Please also consider the following words of Paul the bondservant of Jesus Christ:

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (Good-news) of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, '*The just shall live by faith.*' (*Hab. 2:4*) For **the Wrath of God** is revealed from heaven <u>against all</u> ungodliness & unrighteousness of men, <u>who hold the truth in unrighteousness</u>; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it unto them." (Romans 1:16-19)

"Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judges; for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge do the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who commit such things. And do you think this, O man, who judge those who do such things, and (you) do the same things, that you shall escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the **Goodness of God** leads you to repentance? But according to your hardness and impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself <u>Wrath</u> in the Day of Wrath and revelation of the Righteous Judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds; to those who by enduring patience in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality: <u>Eternal Life</u>. But unto those who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness: indignation and Wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. But glory, honor, and peace, to every man who works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." (Romans 2:1-10)

"Therefore be you followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ has also loved us, and <u>has given Himself for us an Offering and a Sacrifice to God</u> for a sweet smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named even once among you, as is becoming of saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not fitting; but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things the **Wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience**. Therefore, be you not partakers with them. For you were sometimes darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light." (Ephesians 5:1-8)

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"If then you are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is <u>Seated at the Right Hand of God</u>. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When <u>Christ, who is our</u> <u>life</u>, shall appear, then you also shall appear with Him in glory. Therefore, put to death your members (implying: the sinful desires of one's body) which are upon the earth: fornication, impurity, lustful passion, evil-desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. For which things sake the <u>Wrath of God comes</u> on the children of disobedience; in which you once also walked, when you lived in them. But now also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth." (<u>Colossians 3:1-8</u>)

"For yourselves know perfectly that <u>the Day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night</u>. For when they shall say, 'Peace and safety;' then **sudden destruction (wrath) comes upon them**, as labor-pains upon a woman with child; and <u>they shall not escape</u>. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all the children of Light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us keep-watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep in the night; and those who are drunk, get drunk in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God <u>has not appointed us to wrath</u>, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that, whether we are wake or asleep, we should live together with Him." (<u>I Thessalonians 5:2-10</u>)

Finally, please consider these words spoken by Jesus:

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, '<u>He who hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who</u> sent Me, has Everlasting Life, and **shall not come into condemnation (& wrath)**; but has passed from death unto Life.' Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of **the Son of God**; and those who hear shall live. For as the Father has Life in Himself; so He has given to the Son to have Life in Himself; and has given Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment also, because <u>He is the Son of Man</u>. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice; and shall come forth: those who have done good, **unto the Resurrection of Life**; and those who have done evil, unto **the Resurrection of Damnation**." (John 5:24-29)

Jesus Delivers Us Believers From the Wrath to Come

Because we are justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him !! We who believe on the Son Jesus have been delivered into Everlasting Life !! We who have heard the voice of God's Son, and have done good... ... shall receive the Resurrection of Life !!

But those who have done evil, ... the Resurrection of Damnation !!

Lord Jesus, thank You so very much for delivering me from the wrath to come !! Thank You for my Eternal Salvation in Your Kingdom of Glory !! Thank You for the glory, honor, and peace, that we have through your shed blood !!

But truly, all Glory, Honor, and Majesty is Yours Father, Son, and Holy Spirit !!

Forever and Ever !!