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**"BAD NEWS MAKES GOOD NEWS GREAT"**

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**JOHN 3:36**

**I. Does the New Testament deal with the wrath of God?**

**TRUTH:** The character and holiness of the Father is the same in both the Old and New Testaments.

**II. How does the New Testament deal with the wrath of God toward sin?**

God's righteous response to sin is dealt with in two ways:

A. Hell satisfies God's wrath for those who reject Christ's sacrifice.

- 1) Hell was created for the fallen angels (Matthew 25:41).
- 2) Hell is a real place that Jesus warned about repeatedly (Luke 16:23; Mark 9:43; Matthew 13:42).
- 3) Hell is the just response to sin against a holy God (Romans 2:5).

B. The cross satisfies God's wrath.

- 1) Substitutionary atonement - Christ paid the penalty of sin as our substitute and received God's wrath on our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).
- 2) Propitiation - Christ removed wrath from us and replaced it with God's favor (Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 4:10).
- 3) Those who trust in Christ are rescued from coming wrath (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10.)

**III. How should we respond to this news?**

- A. Repent.
- B. Praise.
- C. Proclaim.
- D. Trust God to right all wrongs.