

4. Law Shows our Sin and God's Wrath which Terrifies:

Romans 3:9-20 What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged **both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.** ¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." (Ps 14:1-3, Ps 53:1-3, Eccl 7:20)

¹³ *"Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit";* (Ps 5:9)

"The poison of asps is under their lips"; (Ps 140:3)

¹⁴ *"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."* (Ps 10:7)

¹⁵ *"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways; ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known."* (Prov 1:16, Is 59:7-8)

¹⁸ *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."* (Ps 36:1)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are **under the law**, that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God.** ²⁰ Therefore **by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Hebrews 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

4. The Law Shows Our Sin and God's Wrath which Terrifies

Ap IV 62] ... The preaching of repentance, which **accuses us, terrifies consciences with true and grave terrors.** [For the preaching of repentance, or this declaration of the Gospel: Amend your lives! Repent! when it truly penetrates the heart, terrifies the conscience, and is no jest, but a great terror, **in which the conscience feels its misery and sin, and the wrath of God.**]

Ap IV 136] ... Thus in the preaching of repentance, the preaching of the Law, or the Word convicting of sin, is not sufficient, because **the Law works wrath, and only accuses, only terrifies consciences, because consciences never are at rest**, unless they hear the voice of God in which the remission of sins is clearly promised. Accordingly, the Gospel must be added, that for Christ's sake sins are remitted, and that we obtain remission of sins by faith in Christ....

5. The Preaching of the Gospel creates Faith, which Receives Salvation and Give Comfort against Wrath

Romans 10:3-18, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Romans 5:1-11, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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Ap IV 46] Thus, because faith, which freely receives the remission of sins, **sets Christ, the Mediator and Propitiator, against God's wrath**, it does not present our merits or our love [which would be tossed aside like a little feather by a hurricane]. This faith is the true knowledge of Christ, and **avails itself of the benefits of Christ**, and regenerates hearts, and precedes the fulfilling of the Law.

Ap IV 62] {Continued from above}... In these {terrors}, hearts ought again to receive **consolation**. This happens **if they believe** the promise of Christ, that for His sake we have remission of sins. *This faith, encouraging and consoling in these fears, receives remission of sins, justifies and quickens.* For **this consolation** is a new and spiritual **63]** life [a new birth and a new life].

Ap IV 106] To the same effect, Augustine writes... *By the Law we fear God; by faith we hope in God. But to those fearing punishment grace is hidden; and the soul laboring, etc., under this fear betakes itself by faith to God's mercy, in order that He may give what He commands.* Here he teaches that by the Law hearts are terrified, but by faith they receive consolation.