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ROMANS 8 CHAPTER 1

The Wrath of God

ROMANS 1:18

For the wrath of God
is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men,
who by their unrighteousness
suppress the truth.

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THINK ABOUT

Wrath is not exactly an encouraging word. When used to describe God, it speaks of the just punishment He gives for sin (ungodliness and unrighteousness). God is not morally neutral but is absolutely and completely holy and pure. He is perfect and good. All that He is and does is right. Therefore, He cannot condone, tolerate, or associate with sin. He must punish all wrong doing.

Jesus experienced the wrath of God on the cross. He came to earth to take our place. He died the death that each one of us should have died. As the Lamb of God, He willingly sacrificed Himself as the only adequate payment to appease God's wrath.

APPLY

The right response to God's holiness and wrath is to confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus died for our sins on the cross. He paid a price we cannot pay. The debt has been paid in full for all who authentically follow Christ. Out of love, God sent His only Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life.

Everyone who chooses to continue living without Christ chooses to make themselves subject to God's wrath. Confess your sin and follow Christ, or continue in sin and be subject to the wrath of God.

ASK

How can God be a God of love and a God of wrath?

How can someone avoid the wrath of God and experience the love of God?

Why did Jesus take your punishment?

THE BIG IDEA

All humankind stands condemned before God and therefore experiences His wrath. The natural propensity of sinners is to practice unrighteousness and all types of ungodliness while rejecting and suppressing the truth God reveals to our hearts.

KEY POINTS

The wrath of God is revealed to all (v. 18a).

The wrath of God is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (v. 8b).

The wrath of God is against those who suppress the truth (v. 18c).

DOCTRINE

The **doctrine of revelation** deals with God disclosing or unveiling Himself to mankind. God has clearly provided warning prior to discharging His wrath, the rationale for pouring out His wrath (Ezekiel 5:7–17), and the evidence of doing so (Exodus 32:1–35, John 2:13–17). **Natural** and **special revelation** impact all humanity.

LIFE APPLICATION

No person who practices ungodliness and unrighteousness will escape God's wrath.

Since we are tainted by sin, all mankind is equally in need of God's grace and mercy.

Genuine repentance is required in order to escape God's eternal wrath.

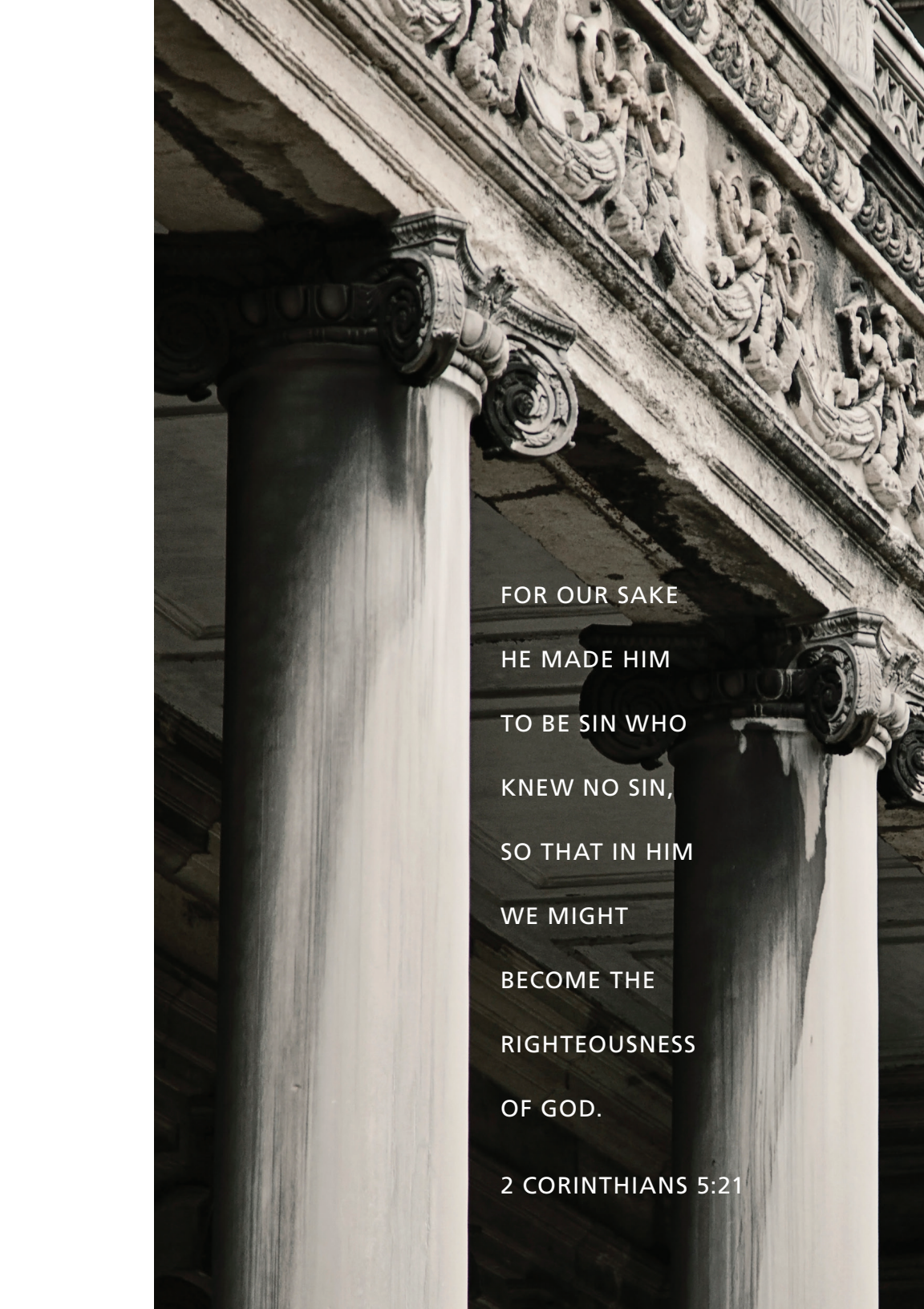
DISCUSSION

In what ways is God's wrath experienced in humanity?

How is truth suppressed in our post-modern culture?

How may we show our support for truth in society and in our lives?

How is God's wrath revealed to mankind? Why?

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FOR OUR SAKE
HE MADE HIM
TO BE SIN WHO
KNEW NO SIN,
SO THAT IN HIM
WE MIGHT
BECOME THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21