

We Are Not Appointed to Wrath

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(1 Thessalonians 5:9)

The Pretrib argument:

- (1) We as Christians are “not appointed to wrath.”**
- (2) The Great Tribulation is the wrath of God.**
- (3) Therefore we will be removed before the tribulation.**

**The verse is speaking about
deliverance from eternal wrath.**

(1) We as Christians are “not appointed to wrath.”

**There is eternal wrath which one may experience
after death.**

**And there is temporal wrath (punishments/
judgments) of God poured out on those still living.**

But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, *the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us,* so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

(1 Thessalonians 5:8–10)

The basis of our salvation is Jesus' atoning sacrifice. Jesus died for us to deliver us from eternal wrath, in order that we may inherit eternal salvation.

**“He who believes in the Son has eternal life;
but he who does not obey the Son will not
see life, but the wrath (*orgē*) of God abides
on him.”**

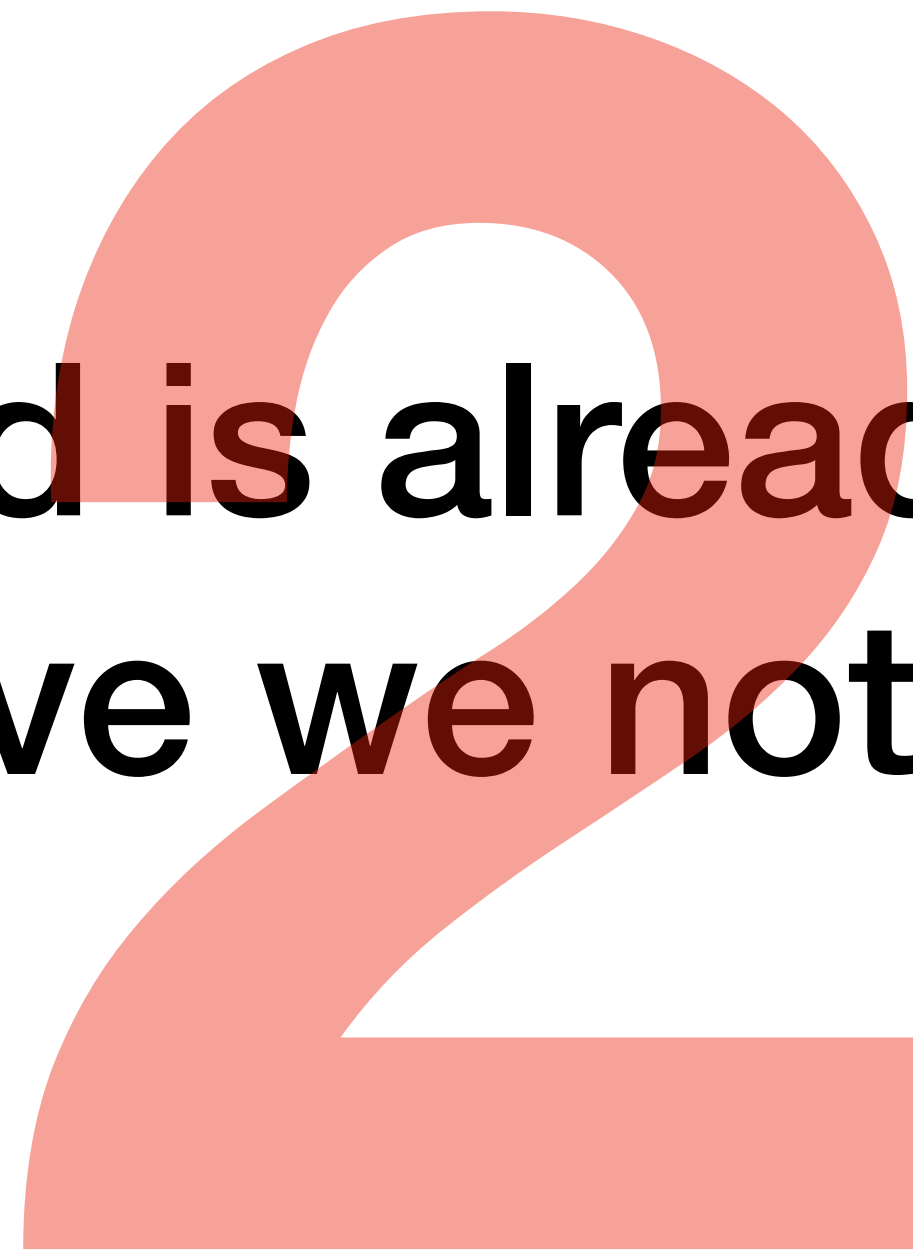
(John 3:36)

Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as *they confessed their sins*. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, *“You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath (orgē) to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;*

(Matthew 3:5–8)

While we are saved from eternal wrath, this does NOT mean that we cannot be present on the earth while the wrath of God is beginning to be poured out on unbelievers.

The wrath of God is already revealed from heaven. Why have we not been raptured?



**For the wrath of God is revealed from
heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men who suppress the
truth in unrighteousness, because that
which is known about God is evident within
them; for God made it evident to them.**

(Romans 1:18–19)

We are *promised eternal life* and deliverance from *eternal wrath*, in this world, BUT *we are also promised tribulation.*

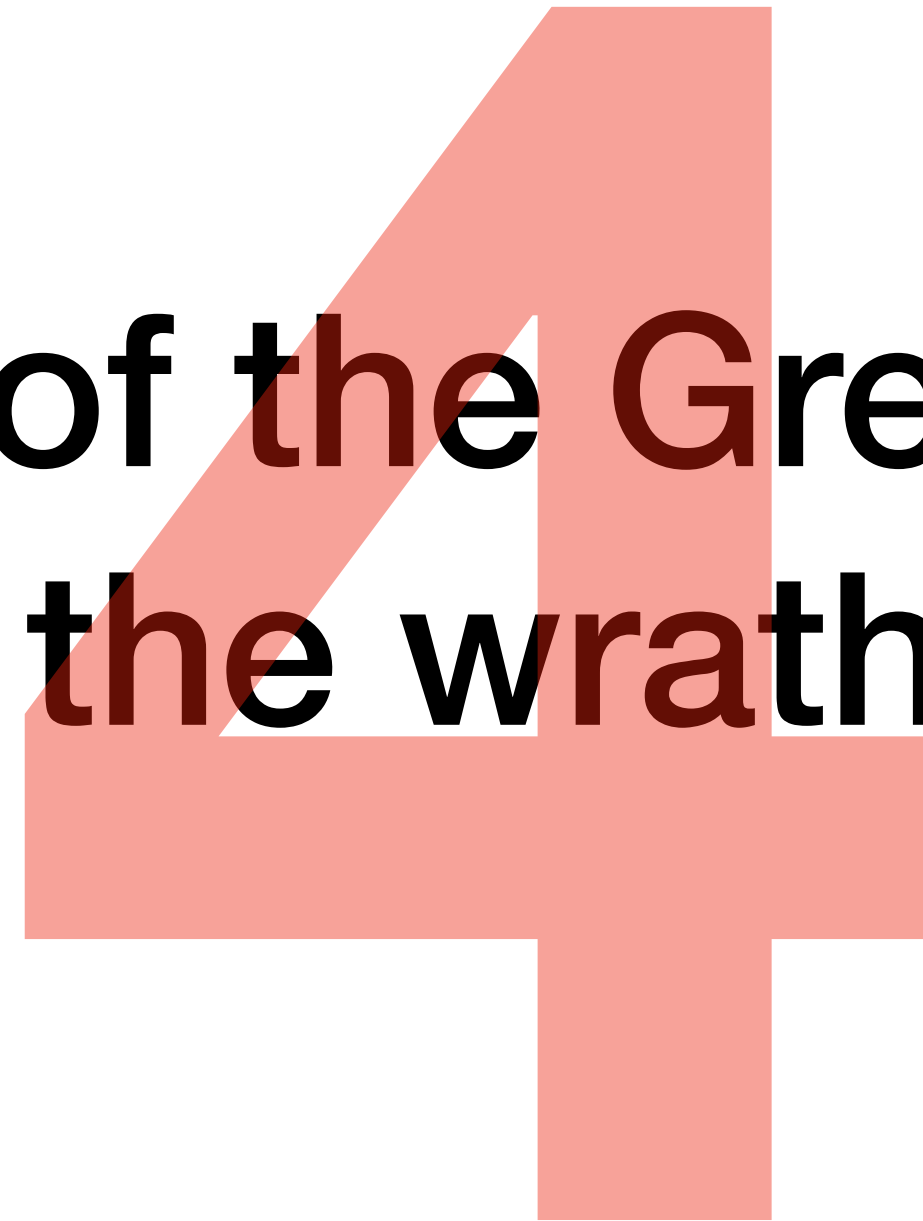
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(John 16:33)

“strengthening the souls of the disciples,
encouraging them to continue in the faith,
and saying, ‘Through many tribulations
(*thlipsēos*) we must enter the kingdom of
God.’”

(Acts 14:22)

**Only the end of the Great Tribulation
involves the wrath of God:**



Tribulation (thlipsēos):

“In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction (thlipsēos) or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.”

(Mark 4:16–17)

“For those days will be a time of tribulation (*thlipsēos*) such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.”

(Mark 13:19)

“But in those days, after that tribulation (*thlipsēos*), the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”

(Mark 13:24–26)

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“And not only this, but *we also exult in our tribulations (thlipsēos), knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*
and perseverance, proven character; and
proven character, hope; and hope does not
disappoint”

(Romans 5:3-5)

Wrath:

I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and *from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?*”

(Revelation 6:12–17)

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. **“And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”**

(Revelation 11:15–17)

Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, *he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God*, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

(Revelation 14:9–10)

So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into *the great wine press of the wrath of God.*

(Revelation 14:19)

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, **because in them the wrath of God is finished.**

(Revelation 15:1)

**We are delivered from God's wrath poured
out on the earth by virtue of being in our
glorified, resurrected bodies.**

**“When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”
(Colosians 3:4)**

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the Lord of hosts.

(Malachi 4:1–3)

**The God of peace will soon crush
Satan under your feet. The grace of our
Lord Jesus be with you.
(Romans 16:20)**