

SIN CANNOT TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The perfection of Jesus could not be tolerated by sinful humanity. "Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." John 3:19 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. You disowned the Holy and righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this." Acts 3:13-15

Jesus proved that God is not distant nor untouchable. Jesus ate and drank with sinners. People always have a choice to make. We can repent, or we can act defensively and find Jesus' perfection intolerable. God the Father let God the Son drink the cup of our wrathful sin for the purpose of condemning sin to the utmost. Sin deserves to be removed from all creation because it killed the innocent Jesus. God the Father did not execute Jesus to appease His divine anger toward sinners. God the Father arranged and allowed the death of Jesus to judge sin and sentence sin to removal from all who believe and ultimately from all creation. God the Father was not pouring out His wrath in anger upon Jesus on our behalf. God's wrath is never appeased. God never changes. God changes the believer to a new creation and moves him out from under His wrath, and moves him out from under the penalty of sin.

2 Corinthians 5:19 It was God personally present in Christ, restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting their sins against them.

Romans 8:3 For God has done what the Law could not do, its power being weakened by the flesh. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh, subdued, overcame, and deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice.

By allowing Jesus to be killed by sin, God condemned sin to extinction. The parable of the vineyard describes this work of God. Read Luke 20:9-20