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## A believer is saved from the wrath of God

This is a new topic in our series of teachings in the format of milk. Today we establish that God saved Israel from their enemies, but for believer's today they are saved from the wrath of God.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Israel as a nation were saved from their enemies.

"But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us" (Ps.44: 7). See also Num 10:9, 2Sam 22:4, Neh 9:27 & Ps.18: 3.

The nation of Israel were "redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand" (Neh.1: 10). God Almighty "redeemed them from the hand of the enemy" (Ps.106: 10). And in the time when the Lord Jesus walked upon the earth many of that nation thought that the Messiah would save them "from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us" (Lk.1: 71).

But to the contrary – instead of saving Israel by His mighty hand from their enemies Messiah, in fulfilment of the scriptures, took on the role of a suffering servant even unto death (Heb.2: 9), who would "justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities" (Is.53: 11).

### 2. A believer in the age of the Gentiles is saved from wrath.

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom.5: 9).

Whereas Israel were saved from their enemies by God, and Jesus Christ came as a suffering servant to die for the sin of the world, there are consequences for those who reject Christ's one-off sacrifice for their sin – they will face God's wrath for all eternity. Hence a believer is saved from wrath.

Other verses indicate that the wrath of God will come "upon the children of disobedience" (Eph.5: 6, also Col.3: 6), against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom.1: 18), on those who have hardened their hearts (Rom.2: 5). Which supports our point that believers, those who obey the gospel in this age, are saved from wrath.

### 3. The wrath that a believer is saved from is everlasting destruction.

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2Thes.1: 8, 9), c.f. Ps.9: 17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell".

In the age of the Gentiles all deserve God's wrath because "all have sinned" (Rom.3: 23), and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom.6: 23), and that death is the second death in the lake of fire (Rev.20: 14). So a saved person is not saved from their enemies but from the wrath of God which is punishment in a place of everlasting destruction for their unbelief, their disobedience.

### Applying the teaching to our life today.

A believer was talking to a couple on the plane that professed to be Christians. He passed them a gospel tract that warned the lost about the place of everlasting destruction, but the man refused to receive the tract and have any further discussion because they did not believe in hell.

Question to think about.

Can a person be a Christian, in the body of Christ, born of the Spirit of God and not be saved from hell?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

The word of God says – "we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom.5: 9), and "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (Jn.8: 47).