

**RCC in the Word**  
**Week of December 17**  
**Revelation 15:3**

<sup>3</sup>*And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,*

*“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!”*

What great truth proclaimed in the midst of terrible judgment. This portion of scripture is filled with swirling language of judgment and wrath being poured out on the nations and its peoples. Yet in the midst, there is mercy and grace for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. For those not written in the Book of Life, there is no hope. There is no shield from the wrath of the Lamb, when His time comes to right the wrongs, for these poor souls.

We as earthly creatures have a tendency to feel that God’s wrath is too harsh, too stark as we can only judge with our minds affected greatly by the fall. We are not holy as God is holy. We are not good as God is good. We sympathize with those who will suffer the wrath of God. We must come to terms with a God who is perfectly Holy and perfectly good, a God who is perfectly just and has perfect wrath. This God we serve cannot stand the presence of evil and must, by His nature, punish evil wherever it resides.

This terrible judgment by an all-powerful and all-knowing God should drive us to our knees in fear. The weight of this judgment once fully realized is too much to bear for us. Yet we, as His children, can proclaim, in the midst of God’s wrath, that great and amazing are your deeds. How is this possible?

This same God who is full of wrath against evil is the God who became flesh and lived the sinless life we could not live. The perfect Son of God, the perfect Son of Man who bore the sins of those God the Father chose before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-10

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.*

This amazing grace shown to those who place their faith in Jesus Christ is why we can sing praises to God in the midst of His perfect judgment. This is a God worthy of our worship. His ways are infinitely above our ways. His love and mercy are infinitely

above ours as is His holiness and His ability to judge all things perfectly. Our God calls us out of the world to worship and serve Him. We deserve nothing, but His perfect wrath and He would be just and good to leave us to face that judgment alone.

With the celebration of our Messiah's birth being recognized in this Advent season, we should be reminded of why Christ had to become a man and save His people. This great God loved us so much that He paid our sin debt so that we could worship Him and be with Him singing and praising for eternity. Let us celebrate all the attributes of our God so we can glorify Him as He deserves. Let us be reminded of what we have been saved from. Let us go out and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a dying world about to face the final judgment of the Lamb.

Blessings to all of you brethren.

John 3:16-21

*16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

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