

God is Like...



**1 John 1: 7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

**1 John 1: 10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

**1 John 1: 16** God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have **confidence on the day of judgment**: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** **There is no fear in love**. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.



**Biblical love is a commitment.**

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**Ezekiel 25:** 16 This is what the Sovereign Lord says:  
I am about to stretch out my hand against the  
Philistines, and I will wipe out the Kerethites and  
destroy those remaining along the coast. 17 **I will**  
**carry out great vengeance on them and punish**  
**them in my wrath.**

**1 Samuel 15: 2** This is what the Lord Almighty says:  
‘I will punish the **Amalekites** for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. **3** Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; **put to death men and women, children and infants,** cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’”

**Revelation 21: 7** Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be **consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur.**



Jesus was very clear  
about the coming judgment.

**John 3:** 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3: 36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for **God's wrath remains on them.**





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Many struggle with a wrathful  
God because  
they measure God's wrath  
against their own wrath.



A non-indignant God would be an accomplice in injustice, deception, and violence.

Miroslav Volf

**Isaiah 10: Woe to those** who make unjust laws,  
to those who issue oppressive decrees,  
2 to deprive the poor of their rights  
and withhold justice from the oppressed of my  
people,  
making widows their prey  
and robbing the fatherless.





God's wrath exists for the  
oppressed

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oppressed

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God's wrath also exists for the  
oppressors

**Ephesians 2:** Like the rest, we were **by nature**  
deserving of wrath.



**Exodus 7:** 4 I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. 5 And the **Egyptians will know that I am the Lord** when I stretch out my hand against Egypt...

Exodus 9: 20 Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. 21 But those who ignored the word of the Lord left their slaves and livestock in the field.

**Exodus 12: 37** The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. **38 Many other people went up with them,** and also large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds.

**Romans 1: 18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness...



**Romans 5: 8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us.



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In His love for us, God suffered the  
penalty of His own wrath.



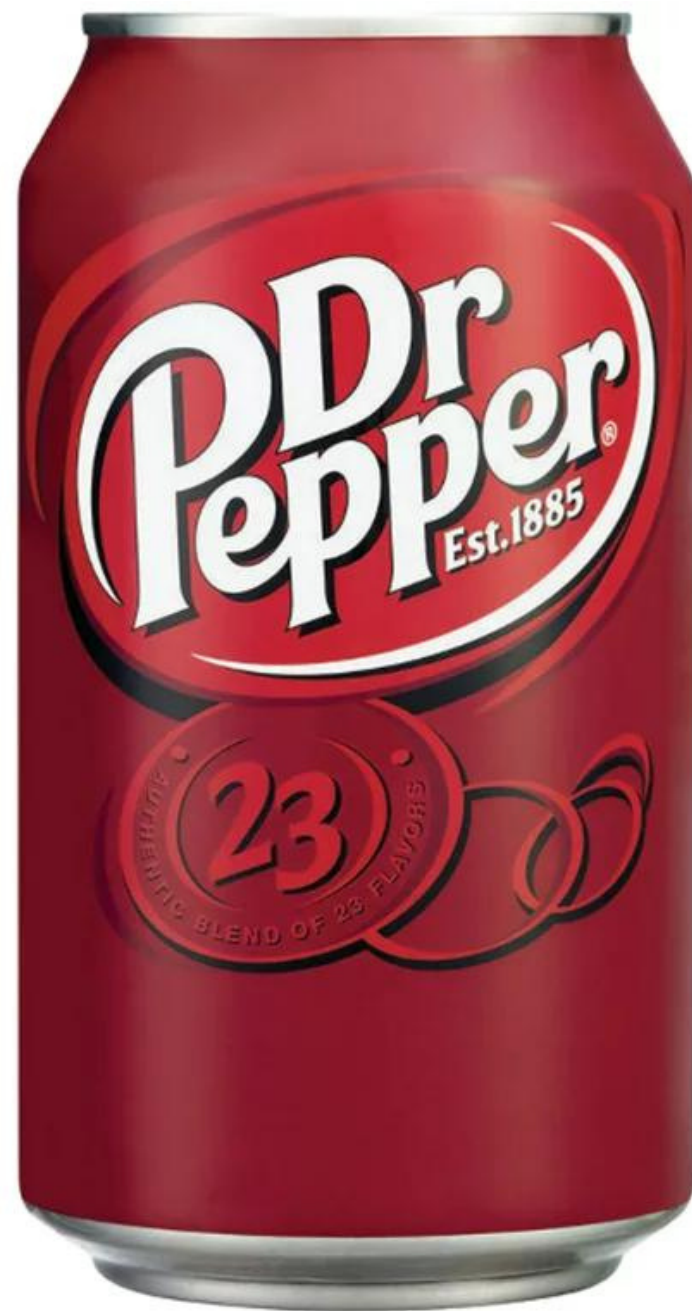
Jesus died for Moses AND  
Pharoah

Jesus died for David AND Ahab

Jesus died for Peter AND Judas

Jesus died for you AND me



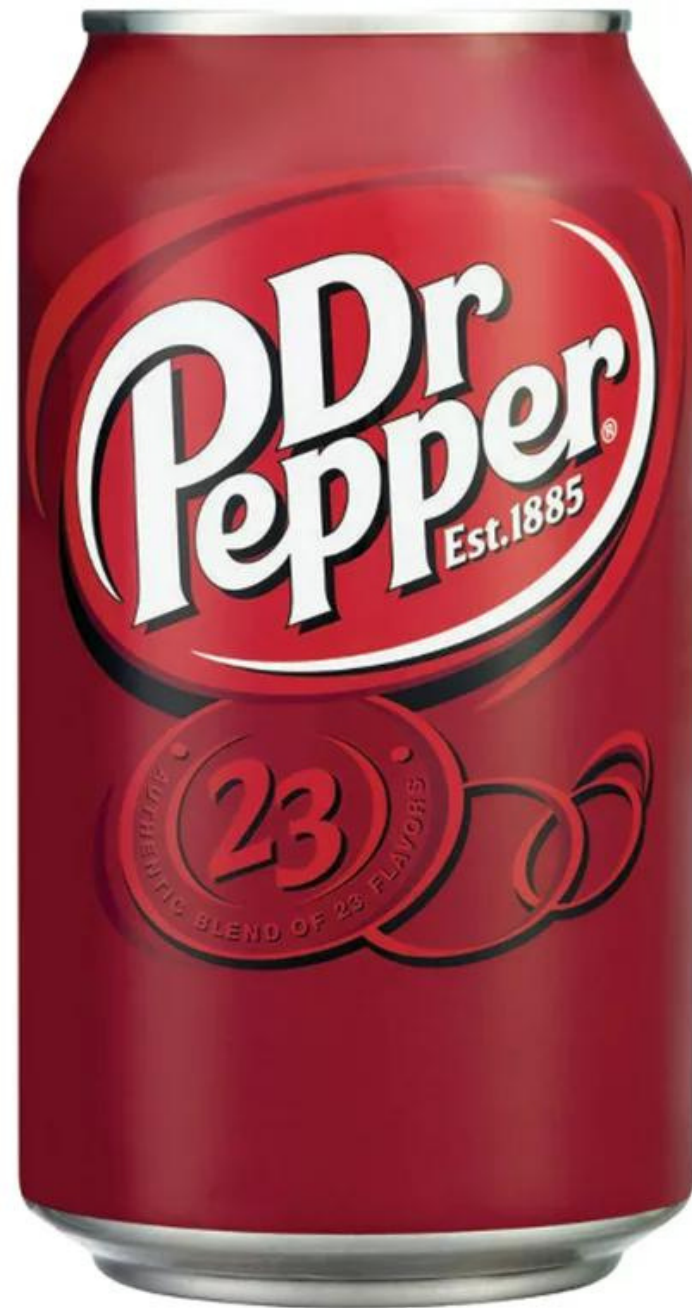


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They're both  
Dr. Peppers!





# Implications of God's wrath:

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**Gives us hope for redemption.**

**Luke 16: 23** In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with **Lazarus by his side.**



# Implications of God's wrath:

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**Gives us peace in a chaotic world.**

Jeremiah 29: 11 For I know **the plans I have for you,**” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.





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**Must produce in us an urgent love  
for the lost.**

**Romans 10: 12** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have **not heard**?



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God's loving wrath was satisfied in  
Christ so take Christ seriously.

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