

TIMOTHY KELLER'S
The **REASON** *for* **GOD**
BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

11. THE CROSS & RESURRECTION

Today's Verses:

Isaiah 64:5, 9
Numbers 23:19
Proverbs 19:11
Proverbs 16:32

Exodus 34:6
Isaiah 46:1
Psalm 51:3-4
Romans 5:10

Luke 24:51
John 20:17
1 Peter 1:3

AGAPE MEAL TONIGHT

Thanksgiving family dinners hosted by our Gospel Communities

Sunday evening, November 18th

Not too late, RSVP at Welcome Center for locations

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INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTERS 12 & 13:

The cross and resurrection are the center of the Gospel message; they are what God determined to do to save us. **Romans 5:9** *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.* God's anger burns towards sin because it destroys the life He made His creation to live within. One Bible dictionary says, *"It is rather a personal quality, without which God would cease to be fully righteous and his love would degenerate into sentimentality. His wrath, however, even though like his love it has to be described in human language, is not wayward, fitful or spasmodic, as human anger always is. It is as permanent and as consistent an element in his nature as is his love."*

DISCUSSION

What things make you the angriest?

How do you deal with your anger?

EXPLANATION

Since God's anger was directed at sin, and we were sinful creatures without Jesus, how do you think God Himself saw us?

How do you think God sees us through the redemption of Jesus?

Why is this understanding important in how we live?

APPLICATION – READ ROMANS 5:10

Why is forgiveness before God such a big deal?

How do the cross and resurrection go hand in hand?

Read 1 Peter 1:3 and discuss what it means.

MISSION

How are the cross and resurrection rooted in real life today?

What practical things can the cross and resurrection bring about in our relationships with God and others?

HOMEWORK Read Chapters 12 & 13 in the Reason for God.