

# **Bible Study Follow Up:**

**We are Not Appointed  
To Wrath  
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The Rev Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson set off a minor explosion of their own when they asserted on US television that an angry God had allowed the terrorists to succeed in their deadly mission (9/11) because the United States had become a nation of abortion, homosexuality, secular schools and courts, and the American civil liberties union.

How would you respond? Isn't it amazing that when you rightly divide the Bible, you know more about God's word than people who preach to millions!

As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we have accepted Christ's death, burial, and resurrection as a free gift of forgiveness for every sin we will ever commit.

### 1 Timothy 4:8-10

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, **because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

We have God's word that when we accept His forgiveness, we will never experience His wrath.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even **Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9

**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

God will not judge the earth as long as the Church, the Body of Christ is still on the earth. As soon as we meet the Lord in the clouds in the Rapture, God will begin to pour out His wrath on the earth.

# How to Check your Bible for Accuracy

God has promised to preserve His word.

## Psalms 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, **O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**

There are many Bible versions to choose from, and many people who advocate for each version. Since we have the Holy Ghost living in our hearts, we can be sure that when we study His word, He will guide us.

## 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but **which the Holy Ghost teacheth;** comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Here is just one example of differences in verses from the King James Version found in other Bibles.

1 John 5:7

**King James Version**

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

King James Version (KJV)

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1 John 5:7

**New Catholic Bible**

Thus, there are three[a] witnesses,

New Catholic Bible (NCB)

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1 John 5:7

**New International Version**

For there are three that testify:

New International Version (NIV)

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1 John 5:7

**Revised Standard Version**

And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is  
the truth.

Revised Standard Version (RSV)

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Here's one that is very close to the King James  
Bible.

1 John 5:7

**New Life Version**

There are three Who speak of this in heaven: the  
Father and the Word and the Holy Spirit. These  
three are one.

New Life Version (NLV)

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So let's look at how the New Life Version Bible translates another verse, which in the King James Bible contains the word "dispensation," which is a very important concept.

Ephesians 3:2

**King James Version**

If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

And yet, the New Life Version Bible, that translates 1 John 5:7 almost like the King James Bible, is way off on the verse where Paul explains "dispensation."

Ephesians 3:2

**New Life Version**

I am sure you have heard that God trusted me with His loving-favor.