

# INVESTIGATION

A man in a dark blue suit, white shirt, and brown tie is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. His fingers are pointing towards the text on the sign. The background is plain white.

What  
is  
Salvation?

(8 – Not an Angry God)

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Remember Jonathan  
Edwards?

In 1741, here's how he  
described our God who  
is Love...

“The God that holds you over the pit of Hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect, over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked; his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight; you are ten thousand times so abominable in his eyes as the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours. →

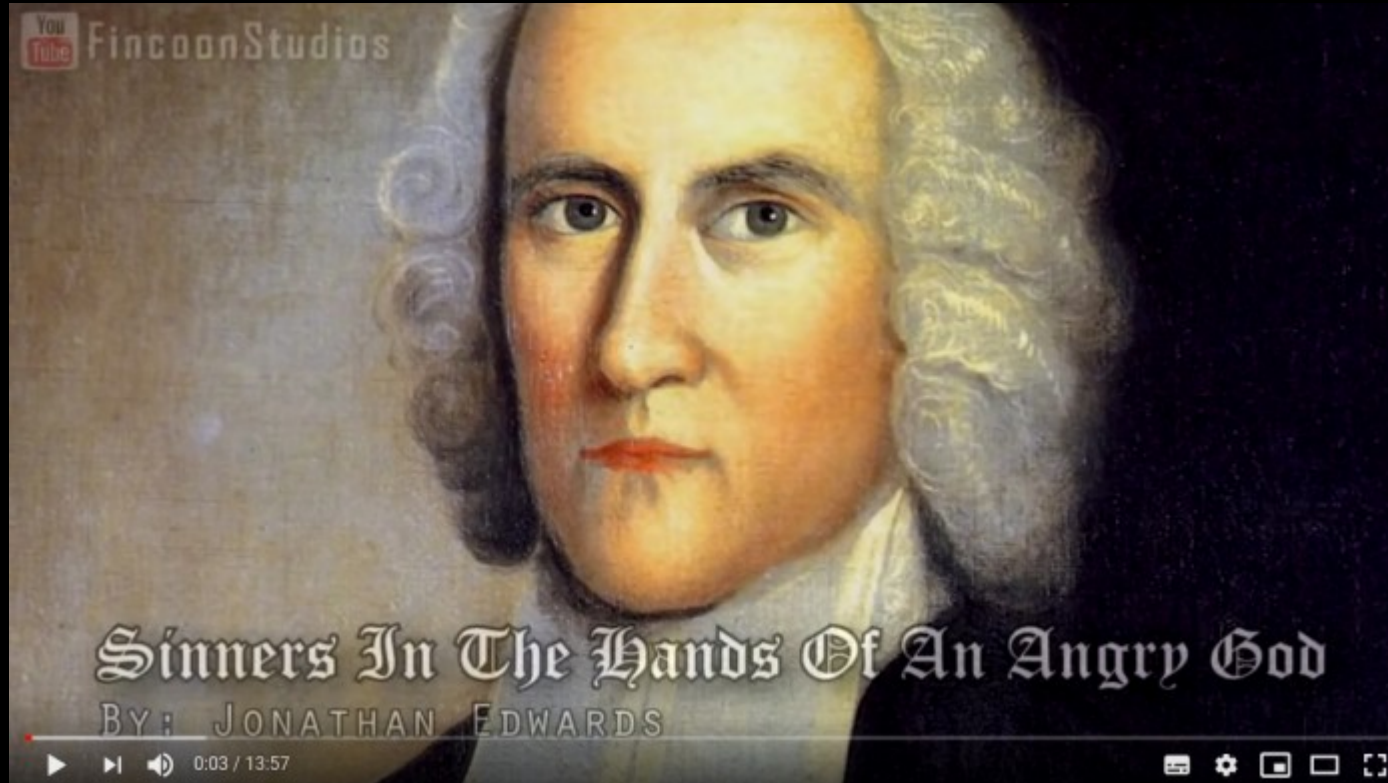
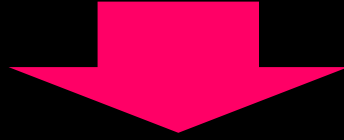
→ You have offended him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel did his prince: and yet 'tis nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment: 'tis to be ascribed to nothing else, that you did not go to Hell the last night... but that God's hand has held you up: there is no other reason to be given why you hadn't gone to Hell since you have sat here in the house of God, →

→ provoking his pure eyes by your sinful wicked manner of attending his solemn worship: yea, there is nothing else that is to be given as a reason why you don't this very moment drop down into Hell. Oh sinner! Consider the fearful danger you are in."



Jonathan Edwards  
birthed the 'Great  
Awakening' in the  
US based on FEAR

Listen to as dramatisation of his full sermon here



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KZZHjnVQDU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KZZHjnVQDU)



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Jesus is the exact image of Father

The Son is...the exact representation and perfect imprint of His [Father's] essence...

Hebrews 1:3 (AMP)



The Son is...the exact expression of God's true nature—his mirror image!

Hebrews 1:3 (TPT)



Jesus said the same thing

He who has seen Me has seen the Father

John 14:9 (NKJV)

Looking at Jesus' life, his words  
and his actions, we can actually  
see what the Trinity's character  
is like

They are LOVE

Before we move on:

We need to correct a number of situations where we believe Jesus was

# ANGRY



# Overturning the moneychanger's tables in the temple courtyard

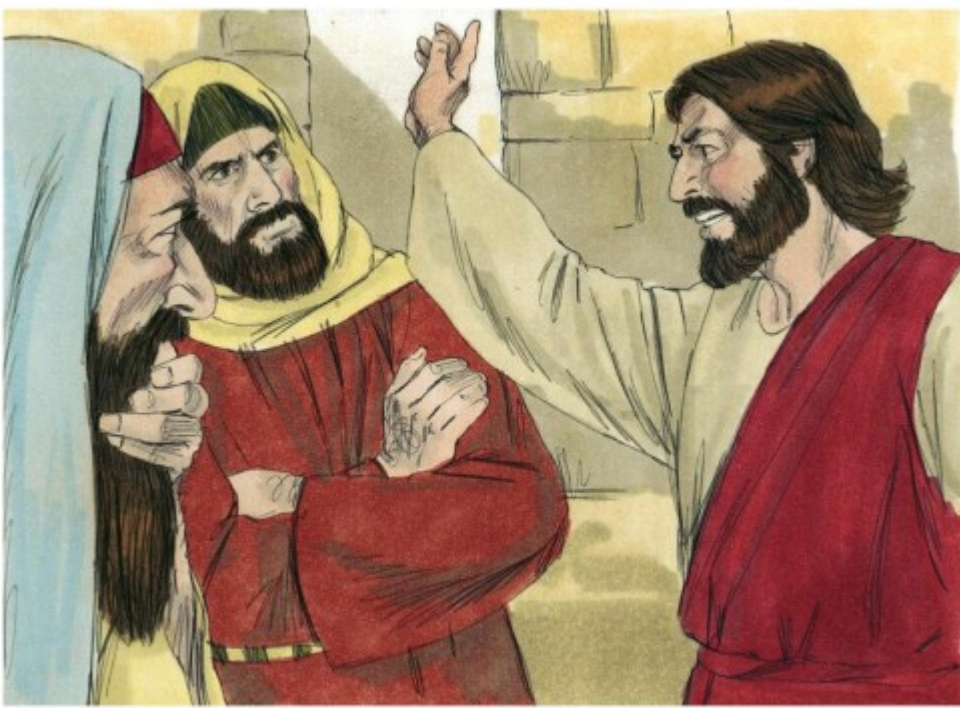


We see this as wrath because we think God is wrathful – look at his face

Was he so angry he 'lost his cool'?

That's what we've been led to  
believe

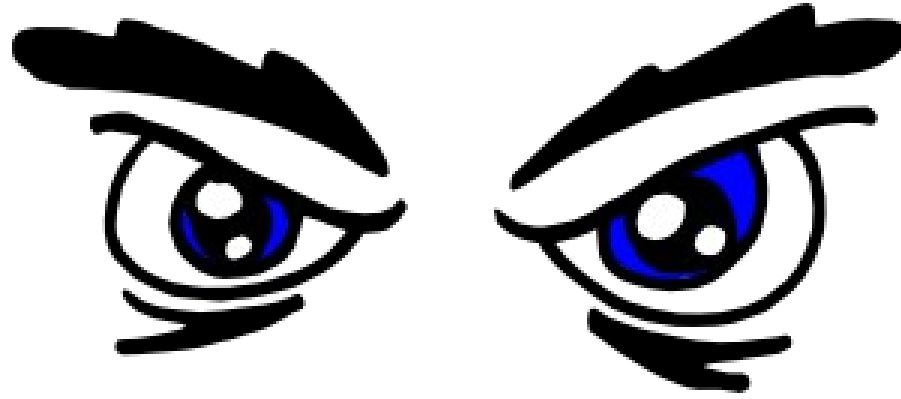
# Calling the religious leaders “brood of vipers”



We see this as vitriolic because we  
think God is resentful and angry

Was he so angry he  
'spewed venom'?

Jewish academics today tell us it  
was the way rabbis contested  
arguments in Jesus' day  
*(just like our parliament)*



Can you see that Jesus'  
'unloving' actions are all in  
our religious imaginations

## 272. One Conclusion: God Is Love



**READ  
THIS**



Friday 13 March 2020

Mike Parsons with Jeremy Westcott



[freedomarc.blog/2020/03/13/272-one-conclusion-god-is-love](https://freedomarc.blog/2020/03/13/272-one-conclusion-god-is-love)



**Mike Parsons writes:**

“The Father is not a wrathful, distant deity who needs appeasing with animal sacrifices, as you might think from a superficial reading of the Old Testament (see Hebrews 10:1-10). He is not the angry face of a two-faced God (with Jesus as the good-natured side). They are both exactly the same. Jesus said, “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father” (John 14:9). →

→ So the Father is not a cosmic child abuser who killed His Son to satisfy His anger and wrath. He is not a parent who turned His back on His Son on the cross but one who went through it all with Him...

The Father is not a parent who has favourites amongst His children, so that He has chosen some to be with Him forever and others to be separated from Him and punished forever. →



→ He is not a torturer who will be endlessly tormenting most of His children because they did not do things His way. He is not the kind of parent who abandons, disinherits and disowns His children when they turn away from Him and ignore His advice because they think they know better.”

“Jesus is His express image and likeness and we can come to the Father for ourselves through Him. He is fully represented in and by His Son and is a loving, caring, compassionate Dad who deeply desires for all His children to enjoy an intimate love relationship with Him. He does not look at us the way we look at ourselves, or the way anyone else sees us. →

→ We are all the apple of His eye and the treasure of His heart, and He wants only good things for us. He desires to constantly bless us.”

Let's compare that wonderful,  
loving information from the  
Throne with a convoluted and  
complex Bible study to see if we  
can get an understanding of  
God's love...

*The*  
DIFFICULT  
DOCTRINE  
*of the*  
LOVE  
*of*  
GOD



D. A. Carson

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58 pages of logic is needed to plough through the theological nightmare of inconsistencies in our concept of God's character.

It shows that we actually can't fathom his true character from bits and pieces taken here and there in the Bible.

BUT that's what we're told we have to do so we can find out.



**READ my summary**

# **The Difficulty of Understanding God's Love Based on the Bible**





Really, the only way to relate to someone so you get to know them is by being WITH them and talking WITH them.

Long-distance relationships and autobiographical understanding is pathetic compared to being fully immersed in a person's presence.

That's what intimacy is all about.

You get to KNOW a person as completely as possible, according to how much you give of yourself to them and they to you.

Here are some must read  
resources to reprogram  
our thinking to align with  
reality



## 231. Meet the Real God

*"Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
Now I declare new things;  
Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you"  
(Isa 42:9).*



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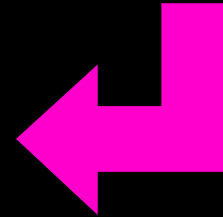
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Friday 23 June 2017

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# Mike Parson's blog

Start with this one



[freedomarc.blog/2017/06/23/231-meet-the-real-god](http://freedomarc.blog/2017/06/23/231-meet-the-real-god)

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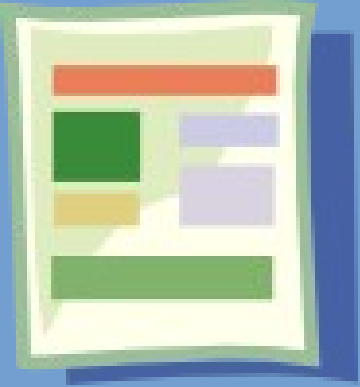
How do we find out  
whether Father really is  
an “angry God”?

We ask him of course!

I've already asked him for you

**Read his responses here**→





# **MESSAGE**

## **The Wrath of God Wrongly Perceived**

[canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/MESSAGE-The-Wrath-of-God-Misperceived-13-10-2020.pdf](https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/MESSAGE-The-Wrath-of-God-Misperceived-13-10-2020.pdf)



So, let's revise salvation  
from the Trinity's loving  
perspective

# “The Gospel in Chairs” – Bruxy Cavey’s version



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John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good!"

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**Investigation**

Do you  
remember  
the Trinity's  
love as it's  
portrayed in  
'The Shack'?

[www.amazon.com.au/Shack-William-P-Young-ebook/dp/B00FOVD0WU](http://www.amazon.com.au/Shack-William-P-Young-ebook/dp/B00FOVD0WU)



**Meditate on that**

**Hmmmm!**

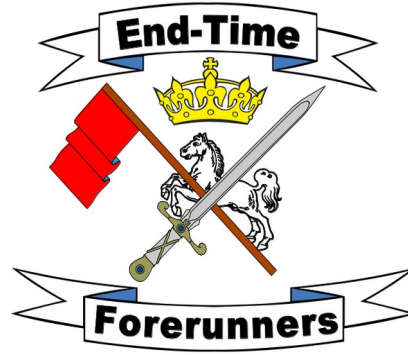
Are we compelled by our  
comprehension of God's  
love to move towards  
Universalism?

**Maybe we are,  
and that's the reality –  
not the evangelical version  
of it from their theology?**





More on  
“What is  
Salvation”  
*next month*



**L.D. Smart**

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