

No amount of knowledge, education, technology, cultural advance, sophistication, etc. – has overcome the problem of sin in the human heart.

God is unalterably opposed to everything that mars His creation and good purpose.

The problem of sin is not just wrong behavior, but wrong thought patterns that lead to wrong behavior.

The great sin is suppressing the truth of God – and replacing Him with some part of His creation.

There are great benefits of knowing “the wrath of God”:

in the word



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## THE GOSPEL OF GOD

### The Righteous Wrath of God

Romans 1:18-23

#### Paul’s confidence in “the Gospel”

<sup>16</sup> *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”*

#### Going deeper in the word...

1. Why does Paul begin with “the wrath of God”?
2. How is “the wrath of God” related to “the righteousness of God”?
3. How is God’s “wrath” our only hope for a sinless eternity?
4. What can be known about God from creation? What does creation not reveal about Him?
5. Do we “suppress the truth”?
6. In what ways do people today “exchange the glory of God” for something else?

## **The Righteous Wrath of God**

<sup>18</sup> *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,*

<sup>19</sup> *since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.*

<sup>20</sup> *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

Creation reveals God.

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard."*

Psalm 19:1-3

<sup>21</sup> *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

<sup>22</sup> *Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.*