

## **The Gospel and why it is Necessary! Romans 1:14-23**

### **I. Romans 1:16-17— We Begin with the GOOD NEWS!**

**This is the heart of the Gospel:** The sinner can have righteousness from God, the righteousness of God's own Son freely given to sinners! God alone can give sinners His own righteousness which enables us to withstand His judgment!

### **II. Romans 1:18— Why the sudden shift from good news to 'bad' news?**

Romans 1:18 to Romans 3:20 ALL OF THESE VERSES unveil the NECESSITY of the Gospel!

Good news is needed because of the wrath of God: 1. John 3:16 / 2. John 3:36 / 3. Rom. 1:18 / 4. Acts 17:30-31

The wrath of God "is the HOLINESS of God stirred into activity against sin."  
(Rom. 1:24, 26, 28)

**God's wrath will be revealed in days ahead!** Isa. 13:9-13 / Rev. 6:15-17 / Rev. 14:6-11 / Rev. 15:1 Rev. 19:11-16 / Rev. 20:15 / Rev. 21:8 / Matt. 10:28

### **III. Why do saved people need to frequently and deeply meditate upon the wrath of God? We must drink deeply of this doctrine of the wrath of God—**

**1. So that** we may be duly impressed by **God's HATRED of sin** (Ps. 78:21, 31 & I Cor. 11:29-32)!

**2. So that** we might develop in our souls, **a holy FEAR of God** (Heb. 12:28-29; 10:28-31 and Ps. 147:11).

**3. So that** we might be **moved to PRAISE God**, that in His mercy He has saved all His saints from wrath to come (I Thess. 1:10—

**4. So that** we may be **moved to WARN** sinners to flee from the wrath of God (2 Cor. 5:9-11).

**5. So that** we may be also **moved to REJOICE** that ONE DAY God is going to exercise His mighty power, Magnify His justice and overthrow all rebellion (Rev.19:1-6)!

#### **IV. Lost sinner— flee from the wrath of God! Flee to Jesus Christ!**

"God is angry with the wicked every day!" (Ps. 7:11) "The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment (Ps. 1:5).

Today is a great day of mercy. Flee from wrath! Run to Christ (John 3:36 & Ps. 2:12)!

#### **V. Romans 1:21— BEWARE!**

**When anyone (v. 21): Refuses** to acknowledge and act on the truth about God which he knows... **And refuses** to surrender to God as God, to God as sovereign, as boss... **And refuses** to express gratitude to God— what will happen to that person? Answer: Verse 21b-23:

**First**, the heart is darkened; **Secondly**, SUCH ONES become, in God's view—fools (v. 22); **The third consequence** is (V. 23)—idol worship!

1. First, a darkened mind, emotions and will— a darkened heart!
2. Second —fools— perception and reality totally twisted!
3. Thirdly— idol worshippers: The ultimate idol— MAN!

**It is a crowded road— the road of the blind masses: Suppressing** the truth. **Refusing** God as boss. **Refusing** thankfulness to God. **Becoming** more and more blind and confused and unstable in mind, emotions, and will. **Becoming** fools who idolize man! **Becoming** violently enslaved to every unspeakable sin (1:26-32).

**Dear Christian: Receive**, act on God's truth! **Surrender** to God as God—as boss. **Express thanksgiving to God! BE SALT AND LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD! GIVE THE GOSPEL!**

**Dear Lost Friend: Flee the wrath of Holy God— flee to Christ!**

**"O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER!**