



# The SALVATION Series

Part 3 – The Wrath of God



# Introduction....

- We began chapter one last session looking at the free gift of Eternal life through Christ.
- That the Gospel was to be received by Faith alone.
- That it was God who did ALL the work and our main task is to BELIEVE and receive the priceless gift of LIFE.
- The Righteousness of God is revealed through the Gospel.



## Intro..

- We will now examine the other half of Romans 1
- First we will skip verse 18 (The Wrath of God) to look at fallen humanity.
- We will reflect on the state of the heart of millions and billions of people in rebellion
- We will then end with the Righteous Wrath of God.
- This will be very fascinating...!!



# God Knowledge...

- *19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.*
- *20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen,*
- *being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse*
- **Romans 1:19-20 NKJV**

- *19 because that which is known about God is evident within them [in their inner consciousness], for God made it evident to them.*
- *20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen,*
- *being understood through His workmanship [all His creation, the wonderful things that He has made], so that they [who fail to believe and trust in Him] are without excuse and without defense.*
- **Romans 1:19-20 Amplified**

# The Knowledge of God



- **Rom 1:19-20**
- Paul asserts that God has made Himself known to all people through creation.
- The beauty, order, and complexity of the natural world reveal God's eternal power and divine nature.
- This aligns with the doctrine of **general revelation**, meaning that God has provided enough evidence of Himself in nature for people to recognize His existence and worship Him.
- **Theological Implication:**  
There is no excuse for atheism or idolatry. Humanity's failure to acknowledge God is not due to ignorance but willful suppression of the truth (v. 18).

# Rejecting GOD...

- <sup>21</sup> because, *although they knew God*, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful,
- but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image
- made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.
- Romans 1:21-23

- <sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God [as the Creator], they did not honor Him as God or give thanks [for His wondrous creation].
- On the contrary, they became worthless in their thinking [godless, with pointless reasonings, and silly speculations], and their foolish heart was darkened.
- <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God for an image
- [worthless idols] in the shape of mortal man and birds and four-footed animals and reptiles. Romans 1:21-23 AMP

# Rejection of God

- Atheists and non-Believers KNOW GOD!
- Instead of worshiping the true God, people exchanged the glory of God for images of created things.
- This illustrates the fundamental sin of **idolatry**, where people elevate something other than God to the highest place of devotion.
- **Implication:** Idolatry is not just about worshiping statues but about replacing God with anything—
- self, money, power, or pleasure. When people reject God, they inevitably worship something else.



# Gave Them Up....

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- <sup>24</sup> Therefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonour their bodies among themselves,
- <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for **the lie** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- <sup>26</sup> For this reason God **gave them up to** vile passions. For even their <sup>[1]</sup>women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.
- <sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.
- <sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over** to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting. Romans 1:24-28



# Gave Them Over...

- <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their own hearts to [sexual] impurity,
- so that their bodies would be dishonored among them [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],
- <sup>25</sup> because [by choice] they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.
- <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to degrading *and* vile passions;
- for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural [a function contrary to nature],
- <sup>27</sup> and in the same way also the men turned away from the natural function of the woman and were consumed with their desire toward one another,
- men with men committing shameful acts and in return receiving in their own bodies the inevitable *and* appropriate penalty for their wrongdoing.
- <sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God *or* consider Him worth knowing [as their Creator],
- God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do things which are improper *and* repulsive,
- Romans 1:24-28 Amplified

# Giving them Over...

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- Being free to sin is a very scary thing!
- Three times in this passage, Paul says that "God gave them up" (vv. 24, 26, 28).
- This refers to God allowing sinners to follow their sinful desires as a form of judgment.
- Instead of immediate punishment, God permits them to experience the full consequences of their rebellion.
- **Theological Implication:**  
This illustrates the principle of **judicial abandonment**—
- when people persistently reject God, He allows them to reap the consequences of their choices. Sin itself becomes its own punishment.



# Full of...#@!!\*?X!

- *<sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.*
- *<sup>30</sup> They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful.*
- *They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.*
- *<sup>31</sup> They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy*
- Romans 1:29-31



# Corruption...

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- Sin is spiritual cancer!!
- Paul lists various sins, including sexual immorality, greed, envy, deceit, and disobedience to parents.
- This passage highlights the **moral decay** that results from a soul and society that rejects God.
- **Theological Implication:** Sin is not just an individual issue but a collective one.
- A society that rejects God will spiral into increasing corruption



# Consequence - Death

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- DEATH!!
- Paul concludes by stating that those who practice these sins, and approve of others doing so, are deserving of death.
- This is not just physical death but eternal separation from God.
- **Theological Implication:**  
The passage sets the stage for Paul's argument in Romans that
- **all have sinned and need salvation (Romans 3:23).** It highlights the necessity of God's grace through Christ.



# DANGER!

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- *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against **all** ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."*

*Romans 1:18*



# DEFCON -1000!

- *"For the wrath of God..."*
- Romans 1:18 serves as a transition in Paul's argument, introducing the theme of divine wrath as a response to human sin.
- It lays the foundation for understanding the need for the gospel.



# All At RISK!!

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- Paul speaks of *the wrath of God being revealed from heaven*.
- In modern times, people often struggle with the idea of divine wrath, associating it with human anger—irrational or vengeful.
- However, biblical wrath is not arbitrary or capricious; it is God's **holy and just response to sin**.
- God's wrath is an essential aspect of His righteousness. Just as a good judge must uphold justice, God must respond to evil with judgment.
- His wrath is not emotional outburst but **His settled opposition to sin**.
- John 3:36 states that *"whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."*



# FEAR HIM!!

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- *28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; but rather be afraid of Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*  
Matthew 10:28



# Objects of God's Wrath...

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- Paul identifies two broad categories of sin:
- **Ungodliness (ἄσέβεια, asebeia)**: Refers to irreverence toward God—denying Him, rejecting His authority, and failing to worship Him rightly.
- **Unrighteousness (ἀδικία, adikia)**: Refers to moral corruption—wrong actions, injustice, and the mistreatment of others.
- Sin is both **vertical (against God)** and **horizontal (against others)**. Breaking relationship with God leads to moral decay in human society.



# Oppression of Truth

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- Paul states that humans *suppress the truth* in their unrighteousness. This implies that God's truth is **knowable**, but people actively reject it.
- This aligns with the doctrine of **total depravity**—that human beings, in their fallen nature, resist God's truth rather than seek it.
- They are not merely ignorant but **willfully suppressing** what they know about God.
- In Pharaoh's case (Exodus 5:2), he refuses to acknowledge God's authority, illustrating how sin hardens the heart against divine truth.



# Ongoing Wrath

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- Paul says that God's wrath *is revealed* (present tense), indicating an ongoing process rather than only a future event.
- This suggests that God's judgment is already at work in the world.
- God's wrath is not only about future judgment (hell) but also about His **active handing over** of people to their sinful desires (as seen in Romans 1:24-28).
- Sin itself becomes part of God's judgment.
- Societies that reject God often spiral into deeper moral corruption, showing that **divine wrath can be seen in the natural consequences of sin.**



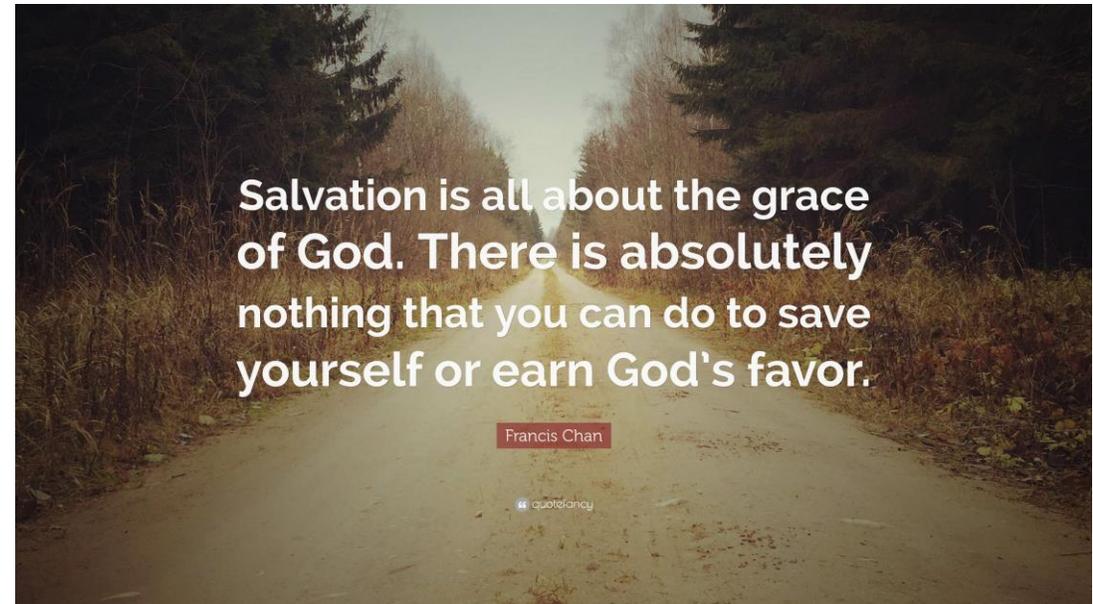
# PHEW...!!

- **The Need for the Gospel**
- Romans 1:18 highlights the **justice of God** and the **seriousness of sin**, setting the stage for Paul's larger argument—
- **that all people are guilty before God and need salvation.**
- Without an understanding of God's wrath, we cannot fully appreciate the good news of Romans 1:16-17:
- that Life and Righteousness comes by faith in Christ.



# Conclusion...

- **The Need for the Gospel**
- While Romans 1:19-32 paints a bleak picture of human sin, it ultimately serves as a backdrop for the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Paul does not leave humanity in despair but leads us toward the hope of redemption in Christ (Romans 3:21-26).
- The only remedy for the depravity described in this passage is the Grace and Righteousness that come through faith in Jesus.



# Family Reflection...

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- Talk with the children about how people are rescued
- Who helps to rescue?
- Teach about how Jesus rescued us.
- With the Young People and Adults, reflect on the Wrath of God.
- Why isn't it taught?
- Is God an ANGRY MAN?!!

