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God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For 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 people are without excuse.

²¹For 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. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

“The Gospel: The Wrath of God!”

1. WHAT IS GOD'S WRATH?

Human anger/wrath consists of animosity, uncontrollable emotions/outbursts, as well as our desire for revenge.

God's wrath is His holy hostility toward sin; His righteous response and just judgment upon evil.

2. WHY IS GOD'S WRATH REVEALED?

It's revealed against the ungodliness/unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth because what is known about God is available for all to see in creation from the very beginning. All we need to do is look around us to see God's glory - it's everywhere so we're without excuse. (18-22)

“Nobody can plead innocence b/c nobody can plead ignorance.”
(John Stott)

3. HOW IS GOD'S WRATH REVEALED?

Through a process of social and moral decay in society as people:

a. Exchanged the glory of God for images/idols (23)

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God gave them over to sexual impurity/uncleanness (24)

b. Exchanged the truth of God for a lie (25)

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God gave them over to shameful lusts (26a)

c. Exchanged the desire of God for their own desires (26b)

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God gave them over to a depraved mind (28b)

*“For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.”
(Romans 7:19-20)*

4. WHY DO PEOPLE DESERVE SPIRITUAL DEATH?

“Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

(Romans 1:32)

5. WHAT SINS DO WE HAVE TO WORK ON IN LIFE?

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Cor. 10:13)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 1:8-2:2)