



# TRANSFORMED

BY THE RENEWING

1 FROM PAUL, A **SLAVE** OF CHRIST JESUS, CALLED TO BE AN  
APOSTLE, SET APART FOR THE GOSPEL OF GOD. <sup>2</sup> THIS  
**GOSPEL** HE PROMISED BEFOREHAND THROUGH HIS  
PROPHETS IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, <sup>3</sup> CONCERNING HIS  
SON WHO WAS A DESCENDANT OF DAVID WITH REFERENCE  
**TO THE FLESH**, <sup>4</sup> WHO WAS **APPOINTED** THE SON-OF-GOD-  
IN-POWER ACCORDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE  
**RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD**, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

ROMANS 1:1-4 (NET)

<sup>5</sup> **THROUGH HIM** WE HAVE RECEIVED GRACE AND OUR APOSTLESHIP TO BRING ABOUT THE **OBEDIENCE OF FAITH AMONG ALL THE GENTILES** ON BEHALF OF HIS NAME. <sup>6</sup> **YOU ALSO ARE AMONG THEM, CALLED TO BELONG TO JESUS CHRIST.** <sup>7</sup> TO ALL THOSE LOVED BY GOD IN ROME, CALLED TO BE SAINTS: GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ROMANS 1:5-7 (NET)

<sup>8</sup> FIRST OF ALL, I THANK MY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS PROCLAIMED **THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD.** <sup>9</sup> FOR GOD, WHOM I SERVE IN MY SPIRIT IN THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON, IS MY WITNESS THAT I CONTINUALLY REMEMBER YOU <sup>10</sup> AND I ALWAYS ASK IN MY PRAYERS, IF PERHAPS NOW AT LAST I MAY SUCCEED IN VISITING YOU ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. <sup>11</sup> FOR I LONG TO SEE YOU, SO THAT I MAY IMPART TO YOU SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT TO STRENGTHEN YOU, <sup>12</sup> THAT IS, THAT WE MAY BE MUTUALLY COMFORTED BY ONE ANOTHER'S FAITH, BOTH YOURS AND MINE.

ROMANS 1:8-12 (NET)

<sup>13</sup> I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNAWARE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT I OFTEN INTENDED TO COME TO YOU (AND WAS PREVENTED UNTIL NOW), SO THAT I MAY HAVE SOME FRUIT EVEN AMONG YOU, **JUST AS I ALREADY HAVE AMONG THE REST OF THE GENTILES.** <sup>14</sup> I AM A DEBTOR BOTH TO THE GREEKS AND TO THE BARBARIANS, BOTH TO THE **WISE AND TO THE FOOLISH.** <sup>15</sup> THUS I AM EAGER ALSO TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU WHO ARE IN ROME.

ROMANS 1:13-15 (NET)



# WISE & FOOLISH

<sup>16</sup> FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS GOD'S POWER FOR SALVATION TO **EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK.** <sup>17</sup> FOR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL FROM FAITH TO FAITH, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THE RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH WILL LIVE."

<sup>18</sup> FOR THE **WRATH OF GOD** IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF PEOPLE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH BY **THEIR** UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, <sup>19</sup> BECAUSE WHAT CAN BE KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS PLAIN TO THEM, BECAUSE GOD HAS MADE IT PLAIN TO THEM. ROMANS 1:16-19 (NET)

# WRATH

YHWH'S JUST ACT OF GIVING REBELS OVER TO  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTING HIS RULE.  
DIVISION AND DEATH

# THE STORY

AS CONNECTION

<sup>20</sup> **FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD** HIS INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES—HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE—HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN MADE. SO PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE. <sup>21</sup> FOR ALTHOUGH **THEY** KNEW GOD, THEY **DID NOT GLORIFY HIM AS GOD OR GIVE HIM THANKS**, BUT THEY BECAME **FUTILE** IN THEIR THOUGHTS AND THEIR SENSELESS HEARTS WERE DARKENED.

ROMANS 1:20-21 (NET)



THEY

WHO IS IT?

<sup>22</sup> ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIMED TO BE **WISE**, THEY BECAME **FOOLS** <sup>23</sup> AND **EXCHANGED** THE GLORY OF THE IMMORTAL GOD FOR AN **IMAGE** RESEMBLING MORTAL HUMAN BEINGS OR BIRDS OR FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS OR REPTILES.

<sup>24</sup> THEREFORE **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** IN THE DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS TO IMPURITY, TO DISHONOR THEIR BODIES AMONG THEMSELVES. <sup>25</sup> THEY **EXCHANGED** THE **TRUTH** OF GOD FOR A **LIE** AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATION RATHER THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER!

AMEN.

ROMANS 1:22-25 (NET)



# EXCHANGE

IMAGE AS POSITION/PUROSE



<sup>26</sup> FOR THIS REASON **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** TO DISHONORABLE PASSIONS. FOR THEIR WOMEN **EXCHANGED** THE NATURAL SEXUAL RELATIONS FOR UNNATURAL ONES, <sup>27</sup> AND LIKEWISE THE MEN ALSO **ABANDONED** NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND WERE INFLAMED IN THEIR PASSIONS FOR ONE ANOTHER. MEN COMMITTED **SHAMELESS** ACTS WITH MEN AND RECEIVED IN THEMSELVES THE DUE PENALTY FOR THEIR ERROR.

<sup>28</sup> AND JUST AS THEY DID NOT SEE FIT TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD, **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** TO A DEPRAVED MIND, **TO DO WHAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE.**

<sup>29</sup> THEY ARE **FILLED** WITH EVERY KIND OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, WICKEDNESS, COVETOUSNESS, MALICE. THEY ARE RIFE WITH ENVY, MURDER, STRIFE, DECEIT, HOSTILITY. THEY ARE GOSSIPS, <sup>30</sup> SLANDERERS, HATERS OF GOD, INSOLENT, ARROGANT, BOASTFUL, CONTRIVERS OF ALL SORTS OF EVIL, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, <sup>31</sup> SENSELESS, COVENANT-BREAKERS, HEARTLESS, RUTHLESS. <sup>32</sup> ALTHOUGH THEY FULLY KNOW GOD'S RIGHTEOUS DECREE THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS **DESERVE TO DIE**, THEY NOT ONLY DO THEM BUT ALSO APPROVE OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.

2 THEREFORE YOU ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE, **WHOEVER YOU ARE**, WHEN YOU JUDGE SOMEONE ELSE. FOR ON WHATEVER GROUNDS YOU JUDGE ANOTHER, YOU CONDEMN YOURSELF, BECAUSE YOU WHO JUDGE PRACTICE THE SAME THINGS

# WHOEVER YOU ARE

THE GREAT INCLUSION

# THE DIVIDE

DIVISION AS CONSEQUENCE