

The Power of the Gospel.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel ^[a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a ^[a]stumbling block and to the ^[b]Greeks foolishness, (NKJ)

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is ^[a]justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (NKJ)

God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness refers to his personal anger against sin.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ^[a]suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (NKJ)

God as creator has disclosed himself in creation.

Romans 1:19-20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, ^[a] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (ESV)

God reveals himself in creation, so we have no excuse not to investigate.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:13 And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. (NKJ)

People’s denial of their own awareness of God is what left them without excuse.

Romans 1:21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. (NLT)

Even brilliant people who do not honor God miss the whole purpose of life and are therefore fools.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (KJV)

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction. (NKJ)

They substitute the worship of idols for the worship of the true God.

Romans 1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like ^[a]corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (NKJ)