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The Gospel



SCAN FOR
RESOURCES

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“The Case”

1. Connects the “Righteousness of God”
to the “Wrath of God”

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18For God's wrath is revealed from heaven...

Connection

Romans 1:17

17For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith,, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

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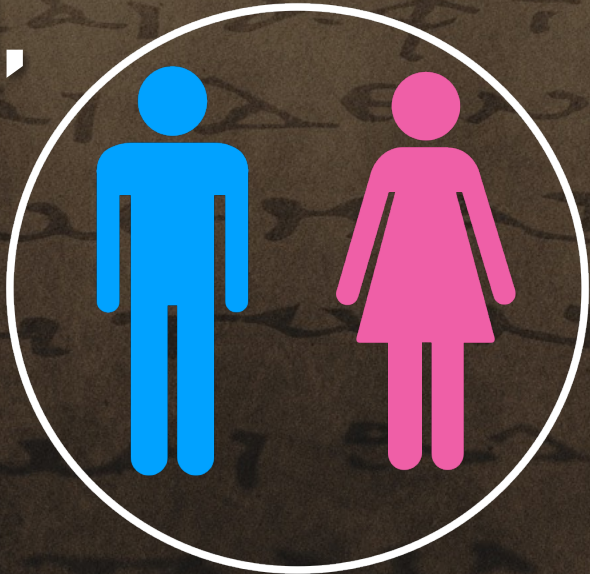
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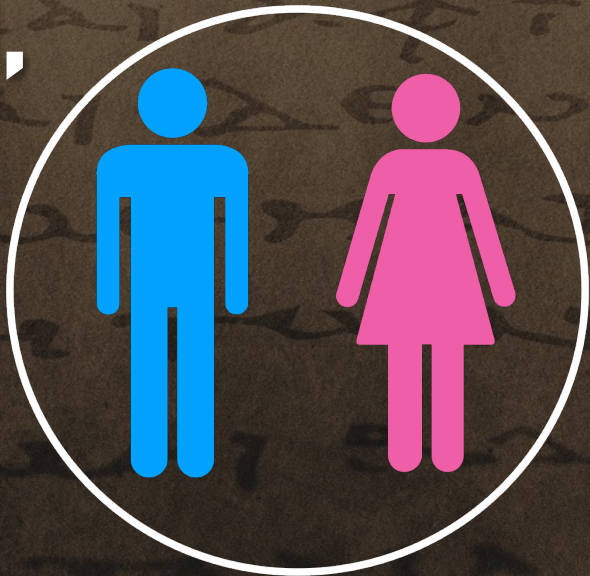
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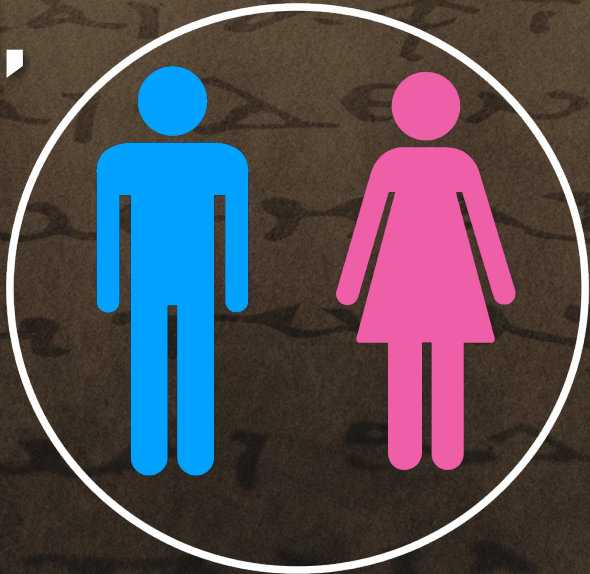
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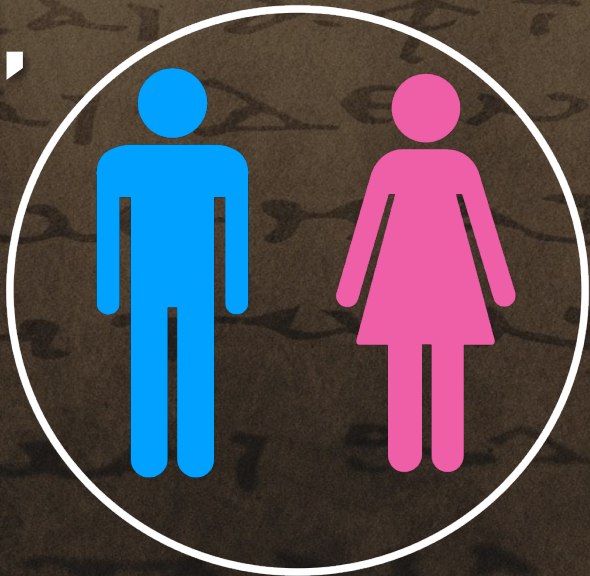
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Objective –

Subjective –

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The Truth: ?

God Reveals – Man Suppresses

“The Case”

1. Connects the “Righteousness of God” to the “Wrath of God”
2. Compares the Activity of God against the Activity of Man

Activity of God

- Reveal v.18

Activity of Man

Activity of God

- **Reveal v.18**

Activity of Man

- **Suppresses v.18**

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“...what can be known about God...” Limitation

Activity of God

- Reveal v.18
- Shown v.19
 - (Is evident v.19)

Activity of Man

- Suppresses v.18

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Activity of God

- Reveal v.18
- Shown v.19
 - (Is evident v.19)
 - (Is clearly seen v.20)
 - (being understood v.20)

Activity of Man

- Suppresses v.18

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GENERAL REVELATION

TRUTH

- Truth of the Immortal God
(Eternal Power and Divine Nature)

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SPECIAL REVELATION

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- 3. Declares the “Gentiles” Guilty**

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TRUTH

- Truth of the Immortal God
(Eternal Power and Divine Nature)
- Truth that He deserves to be worshipped

Activity of God

- Reveal v.18
- Shown v.19
 - (Is evident v.19)
 - (Is clearly seen v.20)
 - (being understood v.20)

Activity of Man

- Suppresses v.18
- ~~Glory/Gratitude~~ v. 21

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...Instead,...

“The Case”

- 1. Connects the “Righteousness of God” to the “Wrath of God”**
- 2. Compares the Activity of God against the Activity of Man**
- 3. Declares the “Gentiles” Guilty**
- 4. Points out the “results” of the contrasting activity of God and man**

God Delivered Them Over vs Men Exchanged

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and **②** their senseless hearts were darkened.

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① Worthless Thinking

② Darkened Hearts

③ Foolish Exchange

Activity of God

- Reveal v.18
- Shown v.19
 - (Is evident v.19)
 - (Is clearly seen v.20)
 - (being understood v.20)
- Delivers Them Over:
 - v.24
 - v.26
 - v.28

Activity of Man

- Suppresses v.18
- Glory/Gratitude v. 21
- Results:
 - Worthless Thinking v.21
 - Darkened Hearts v.21
 - Became Fools v.22

Activity of God

- Reveal v.18
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Activity of Man

- Suppresses v.18
- Glory/Gratitude v. 21
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 - Worthless Thinking v.21
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- Men Exchanged:
 - v.23 Glory of God – Idols
 - v.24
 - v.26

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