

The Power of

# ROMANS

The Gospel



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## **Romans 1:16–17**

**<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.**

**<sup>17</sup>For 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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<sup>18</sup>For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth,



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<sup>19</sup>since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.



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<sup>21</sup>For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude.



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...Instead, ① their thinking became worthless,  
and ② their senseless hearts were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools

23 and ③ exchanged the glory of the immortal  
God for images resembling mortal man, birds,  
four-footed animals, and reptiles.



① Worthless Thinking

② Darkened Hearts

③ Foolish Exchange



# Romans 1:24–32

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# Isaiah 19:19-22

<sup>19</sup>On that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the center of the land of Egypt and a pillar to the Lord near her border. <sup>20</sup>It will be a sign and witness to the Lord of Armies in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the Lord because of their oppressors, he will send them a savior and leader, and he will rescue them.



# Isaiah 19:19–22

<sup>21</sup>The Lord will make himself known to Egypt, and Egypt will know the Lord on that day. They will offer sacrifices and offerings; they will make vows to the Lord and fulfill them. <sup>22</sup>The Lord will strike Egypt, striking and healing. Then they will turn to the Lord, and he will be receptive to their prayers and heal them.



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“ia” ending

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“s” ending in four/five & first two words are one letter different

What people are willing to do to hurt others.

1. envy
2. murder
3. quarrels
4. deceit
5. malice



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Social Chaos — Primary Verbal

Start with “a” sound

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|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. gossips    | 5. proud                   | 9. senseless  |
| 2. slanderers | 6. boastful                | 10. faithless |
| 3. God-haters | 7. inventors of evil*      | 11. heartless |
| 4. Arrogant   | 8. disobedient to parents* | 12. ruthless  |



# The Final, Ultimate Damning Evidence of Rebellion

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- **Warning!** Your opinion does not stand above God's and any church that caves in to the popular pressure to affirm same sex relationships as natural and in the will of God is being used by the enemy to drag people further from God.



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