



WHEN WE LOSE OUR WAY

THE GOSPEL REVEALED, REJECTED, AND REPLACED

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 1 OF 16

Romans XX

THE 5-POINT GOSPEL FRAMEWORK (ROMANS LOGO)

1. SIN – HUMANITY’S REBELLION (ROM 1–3)
2. SALVATION – JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (ROM 4–5)
3. SANCTIFICATION – NEW LIFE IN CHRIST (ROM 6–8)
4. SOVEREIGNTY – GOD’S REDEMPTEIVE PLAN (ROM 9–11)
5. SERVICE – GOSPEL-SHAPED LIVING (ROM 12–16)

SIN IS MISSING GOD’S STANDARD.

What is His Standard? **GOD’S STANDARD IS HIS TRUTH, REVEALED IN CREATION AND SCRIPTURE.**

What is Truth? **TRUTH IS WHAT GOD SAYS IS REAL AND RIGHT.**

MAIN IDEA: WHEN THE GOSPEL IS REVEALED, PEOPLE EITHER RESPOND IN FAITH—OR REPLACE GOD WITH SOMETHING ELSE.

SECTION 1 — THE GOSPEL REVEALED (1:1–17)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:1–4

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Romans 1:17 — Key Verse

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’ Romans 1:17

SECTION 2 — THE GOSPEL REJECTED (Romans 1:18–23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Romans 1:18

GOD’S WRATH IS REVEALED NOT BECAUSE PEOPLE LACK INFORMATION, BUT BECAUSE THEY SUPPRESS THE TRUTH.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have Romans 1:19–20

For 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. Romans 1:21

SECTION 3 — THE GOSPEL REPLACED (1:24–32)

KEY INSIGHT: GOD’S JUDGMENT IS OFTEN ALLOWING PEOPLE TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CHOICES.

APPLICATION

1. ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE TRUTH HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED
2. IDENTIFY REPLACEMENTS FOR GOD
3. RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL WHILE HEARTS ARE SOFT

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