

## The Reason for the Gospel

### Romans 1:16-32

#### Introduction:

1. **Writer of the book** – The Apostle Paul to the church at Rome.
2. **Theme of the book** – The Gospel (good news); It is the good announcement that God sent His Son to live a perfect life for you; to die a death for you; and to resurrect so that you can live forever. His righteousness being revealed and placed into our lives
3. Here in Romans 1:17-32, we find Paul making his case for why every single person needs the Gospel in their lives. His case shows us that the Gospel is our only hope.
  - I. **Man's Problem: Sin** (V. 16-23)
    1. **Romans 1:16-23** Commentary
    2. The righteousness of God and the Gospel is necessary because we have a problem: sin.
    3. You see, the Gospel is not just to make you happy. It is to satisfy a thing we don't talk about a lot – the wrath of God that we all face when we are born into this world.
      - **We suppressed the truth** (V. 18-21) – We do this in two ways: Godlessness and wickedness. We live as if there is no God which is a way the wrath of God is currently revealed. We also live in wickedness which is a way that the wrath of God is currently being revealed (Morality; pride; hate. We are doing what is right in our own eyes). Paul is saying that this is the wrath

of God being revealed to us right now. He immediately begins to refute the push back the Romans were giving: what about those who don't know about Jesus? His response: They know the truth, but they choose to suppress it (deny it). The existence of God has been revealed to them through the creation of the world, but we choose to suppress what has been revealed to us so we are therefore without excuse (V. 20).

- **We worshipped idols** (V. 21-23) – We were created to worship God so if we choose not to worship God, we will replace our worship with something else, because we were created to worship. We replaced our worship of the Creator with worshipping the creation. are here for the glory of God. That is why we exist – to bring Him glory. The problem Paul is addressing is that we refused to worship/give Him glory so we decided to worship the creation rather than the creator – Money, career, people, nature, popularity. Paul says that those who worship anything other than God is a fool, not a wise man.

#### II. **God's Wrath: He gave us what we want** (V. 26-32)

1. **Romans 1:26-32** Commentary
2. The wrath of God is giving us what we want. The idols that we go after serving will not free us like the Gospel, they control us.
3. The worst thing that can happen to someone who loves money is to get money.

4. The worst thing that can happen to someone who lives for his career is to find success.
5. All of these things will not free us, they will not satisfy us, and they will not sustain us.
6. This is your choice: you have no excuse.

### III. **The Solution: The Gospel** (V. 16)

- **“The Gospel is Powerful”** (V. 16) – The Gospel is not just about the power of God, it contains the power of God. One writer said, **“The Gospel manifests God’s death-defeating, curse-reversing, evil-vanquishing, devil-crushing, sin-cleansing, life-giving, love-forming, people-uniting, grace filled power that results in Salvation.** The Gospel’s power is seen in how it can completely change our mind, thoughts, beliefs, direction, future, hope, and give us a totally new perspective on ourselves and life. **Most of all, the power of the Gospel is seen in that it can do what nothing else can do: reconcile us, a sinful people, to a holy God and guarantee us a place in the kingdom of God in Heaven.** Pretty powerful, huh?
- **“The Gospel is for everyone that believes”** (V. 16) – II Peter 3:9 says, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting

life.” Acts 2:21 says, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” It is for the dunkard, it is for the homosexual, it is for the legalists, it is for the prideful, it is for the mean, it is for everyone!

- **“The Gospel justifies you”** (V. 17) – The word “justifies” simply means to declare someone righteous. Look, there is no righteousness in your life. In fact, the Bible says “there is none good, no not one” (Romans 3:10). “Our righteousness are as filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6). It is impossible for us in and of ourselves to become righteous. It cannot be done. That is why God sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life worthy of Heaven (something that you could never do). You could never live a life worthy of Heaven so Jesus had to. You could never pay for your sin, because you were so unrighteous. You needed a perfect spotless lamb to pay for your sin- Jesus did. You could never conquer death/sin/the grave so Jesus Christ Himself conquered it all so you would not have to.

#### Conclusion:

1. Let me just say this: our only hope is the Gospel.
2. Recap and close