

Romans 1:18-32 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ 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, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



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²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.



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²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.



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²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.



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³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**



Roadmap for Today's Message

1. We knew God
2. We chose sin over God
3. God gave us over to our own devices
4. But God did not give up: the Gospel



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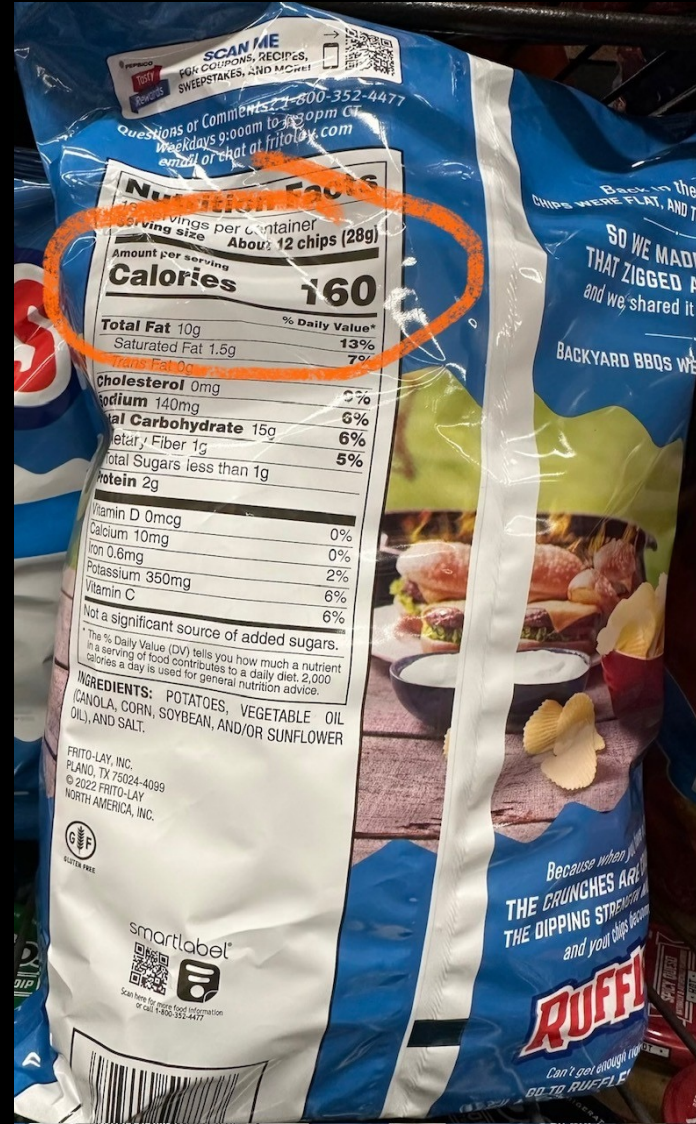
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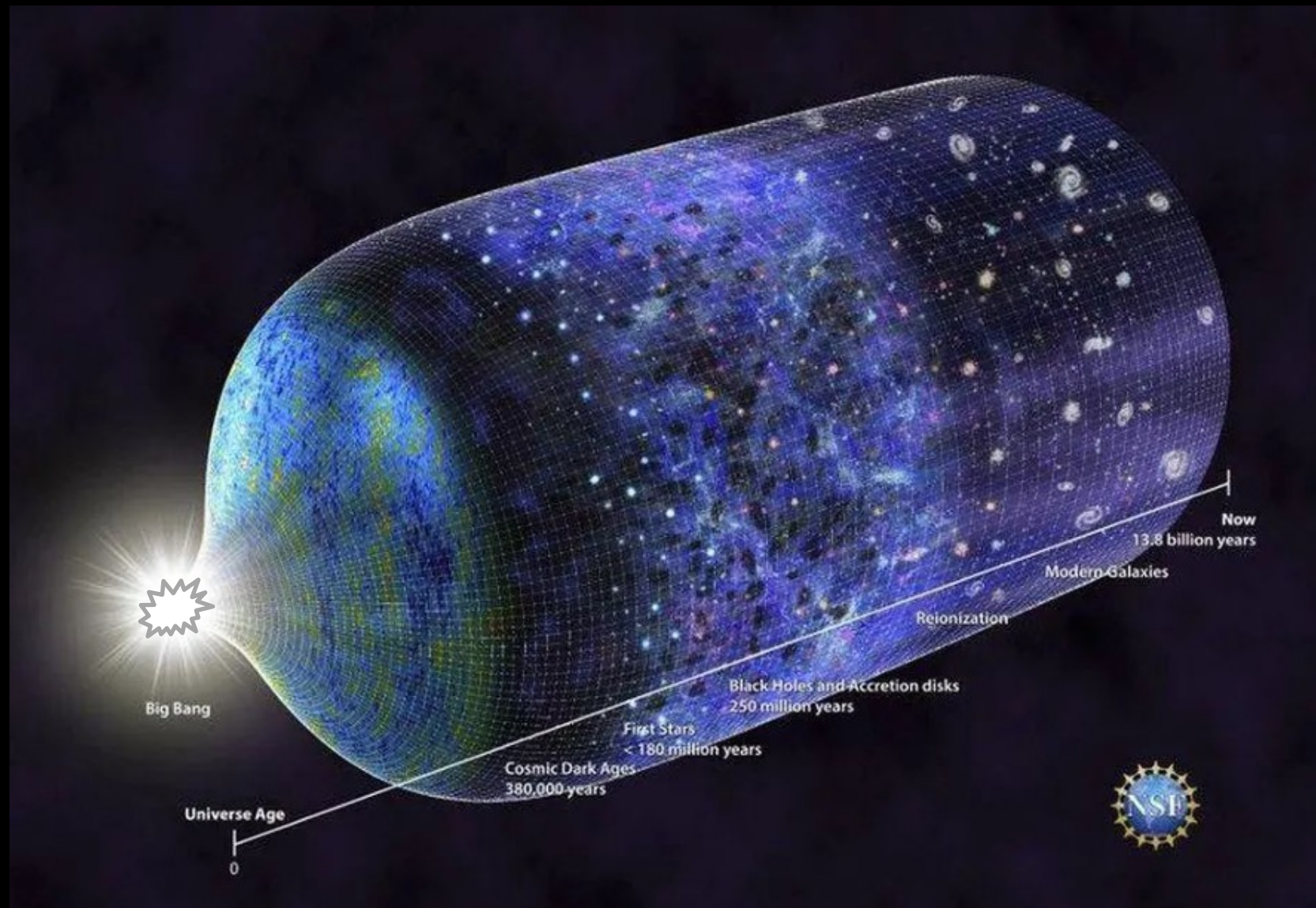


LAW OF CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

TOTAL ENERGY IN A SYSTEM CANNOT BE CREATED OR DESTROYED,
ONLY CHANGED FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER



THE BIG BANG



“Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, one with the very delicate balance needed to provide exactly the right conditions required to permit life, and one which has an underlying (one might say ‘supernatural’) plan.”

~Arno Penzias, Nobel Laureate in

Physics



“The best data we have (concerning the Big Bang) are exactly what I would have predicted, had I nothing to go on but the five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole.”

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“What if I were wrong about Christianity?”

~John Blake on British historian Tom Holland



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Romans 1:21-23 (ESV)

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.



Romans 1:25 (MOUNCE)

²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for all time. Amen.



Romans 1:28 (MOUNCE)

28 And as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do things that ought not to be done.



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Romans 1:24 (KJ21)

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies among themselves.



Romans 1:26-27 (MOUNCE)

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions. Their women exchanged the natural sexual function for one that is unnatural, ²⁷ and likewise the men also abandoned the natural sexual relation with women and burned in their passion for one another—men with men committing shameless acts and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.



Romans 1:28-31 (MOUNCE)

²⁸ And as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do things that ought not to be done. ²⁹ They are filled with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, meanness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, covenant-breakers, unloving, ruthless.



Romans 1:32 (MOUNCE)

³² Though they understand the righteous requirement of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, **they not only continue to do them but also to heartily approve of others who practice them.**



Psalm 81:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ "But my people would not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me. ¹² So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk by their own plans."



Proverbs 1:28-31 (ESV)

²⁸ "Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore **they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.**



Jeremiah 2:5,7, 25B (ESV)

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? **They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.**”

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

^{25B} ... But you said, ‘It’s no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.’”



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Romans 5:8 (ESV)

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



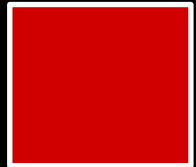
THE SALVATION BRACELET



HEAVEN: GOD loves you & wants to be with you



SIN: the hurtful & wrong things you have done



BLOOD: JESUS died to pay the price for your sin



WATER: GOD cleanses you & baptizes you with His Spirit



GROW: your and GOD will grow deeper together!

Reflection & Application

1. Accept Jesus into your heart as Savior & Lord
2. Honor God as God in your life
3. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal any sinful way & repent
4. Express your gratitude to God

