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Part 2 – God-less-ness & Un-Right-ness

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” Romans 1:18

The Gospel begins with God’s position on sinfulness and the coming judgement

God’s wrath is against Ungodliness & unrighteousness (Rom 1:18)

- ⇒ **Ungodliness** – A God-less-life – to live like there is no God.
- ⇒ **Unrighteousness** – To know there is right & wrong and do wrong

Ungodliness – God – Less – Life (*takes an act of will to suppress*) Romans 1:18-27

- Creation demonstrates that there is a powerful God – (Rom 1:20)
 - Everyone is without excuse because God is clearly seen in creation
- Denying God’s existence makes our thinking become futile (vain / idolatry)
- As worshipers, denying God makes us worship the created (Rom 1:23-25)
- Paganism historically has always included sexual deviation from natural law
- To willingly suppress the knowledge of God, created nature, is to ask God to hand you over to the full influence/bondage of sin / evil (Rom 2:28-31).

Unrighteousness – To do something wrong knowing its wrong. Romans 1:28-32

- Ungodliness leads to all kinds of unrighteousness (Rom 1:29-32)
 - Lifestyles, actions, desires and feelings are part of unrighteousness
- Ungodliness encourages others to practice unrighteousness & celebrates it
 - Shift from tolerate others, to approval of, to celebrate, to join in
- We know God’s moral righteousness exists – right from wrong (Rom 1:32)

God’s wrath against us is just & judgement is coming Romans 2:1-16

- Our natural ability to judge others behaviors demonstrates God’s righteousness is part of our conscience created by God (Rom 2:14-15).
 - Because we can see others guilt, we can know we are guilty too.
- If we can know what righteousness is, how much more does God know righteousness and able to judge us guilty. (Rom 2:1-3)
- Experiencing God’s patience today should lead us to repentance not to sin.
- God’s judgement is based on what we have done. (Rom 2:6-11)
 - Those without the law will perish – without excuse - conscience
 - Those with the law will perish because of disobedience to the law

The Gospel message includes a coming judgement **by Jesus Christ** Romans 2:16

- Everyone fails to meet God’s standard of Righteousness Romans 3:23
- We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ Romans 3:22

Romans 1:18 - But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. ¹⁹They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. ²⁰For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

²¹Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ²²Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. ²⁵They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. ²⁶That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

²⁸Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. ²⁹Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. ³⁰They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. ³¹They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. ³²They know God’s justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Romans 2 - “You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. 2 And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. 3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God’s judgment when you do the same things? 4 Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

5 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done. 7 He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. 8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. 9 There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. 10 But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism.

12 When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God’s written law. And the Jews, who do have God’s law, will be judged by that law when they fail to obey it. 13 For merely listening to the law doesn’t make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in his sight. 14 Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. 16 And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone’s secret life.

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” Romans 3:21-24