# WHAT IS TRUTH?

# John 16:37-38 (ESV)

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

### WHAT IS TRUTH?

John 17:17 (ESV) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

# ROMANS 1:16-32

## Point #1

## We have a powerful message



# Rom 1:16 (ESV)

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.

#### WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL MESSAGE

- It affects the here and now
- It shapes eternity

## 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

## Point #2

We live by faith...

## We may have faith...

- in God
- in the Bible
- in science
- in humanity
- in the government

## Faith in Science

Archaeoraptor was what scientists claimed to be the link between birds and therapods, but it's a forgery

The Brontosaurus doesn't exist, someone put the head of a brachiosaurus onto the body of a Apatosaurus.







The Piltdown man was a hoax

## Point # 3

They suppress the truth

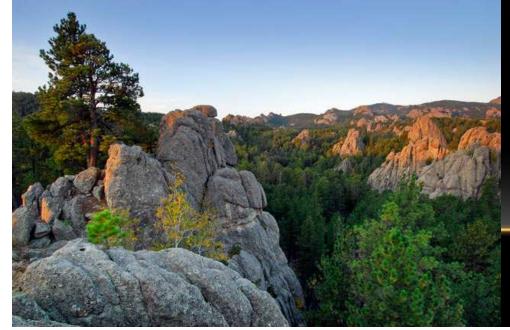
## Rom 1:18-20 (ESV)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness 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 been made. So they are without excuse.

### Gods has revealed himself through His creation.

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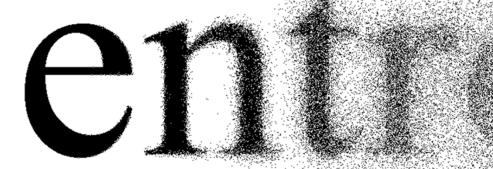






## Point # 4

They became futile in their thinking



## Rom 1:21-23 (ESV)

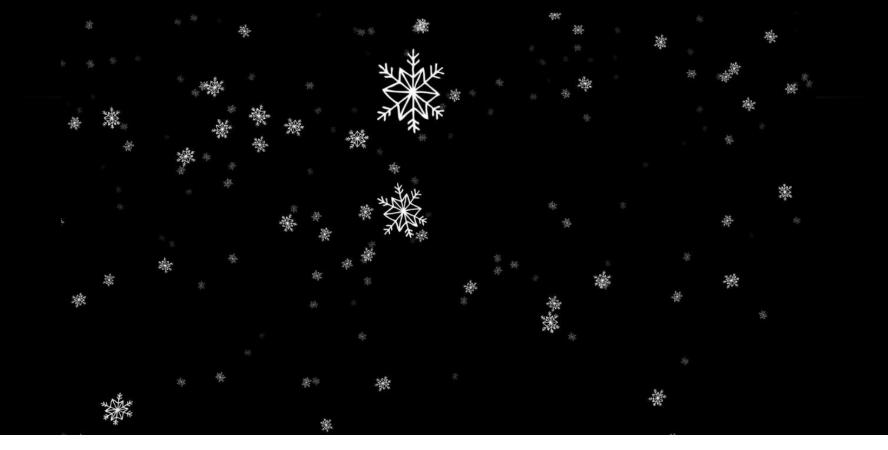
For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."

#### WHO IS THE FOOL?

Psalms 53:1b The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 1:20 (ESV)

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?



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### What do we worship today?

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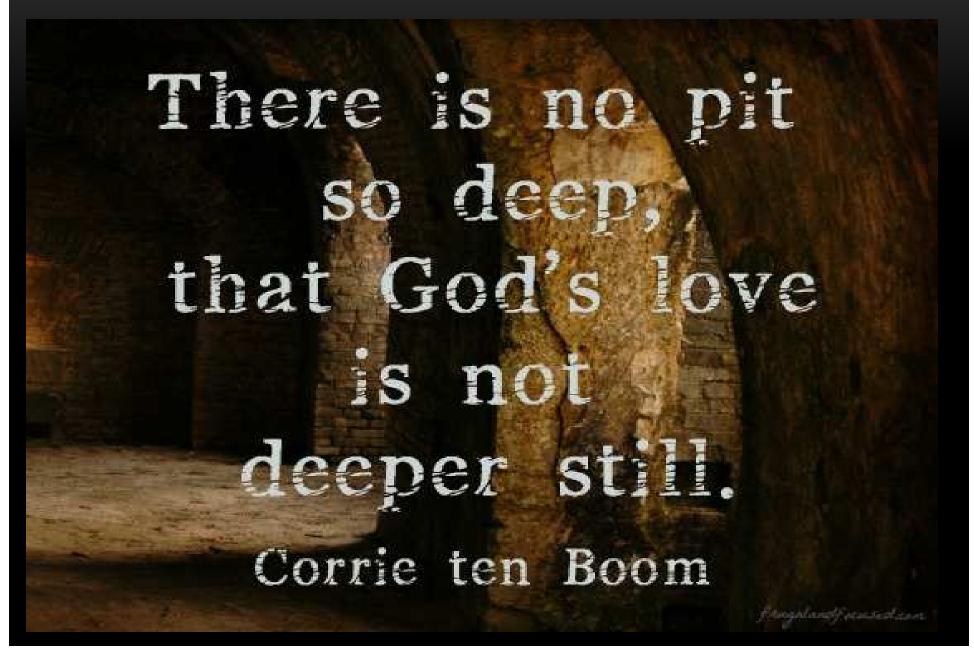
## Point # 5

...so God gave them over...

# Rom 1:28-32 (ESV)

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. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

#### SOME PEOPLE ARE IN A PIT OF THEIR OWN MAKING



# 1 Cor 6:9-10 (ESV)

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## Rom 1:16 (ESV)

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# PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD!