

Righteousness & Wrath Revealed

Rom 1:16-32

Rom 1:1-5 - called to be an **apostle** ... set apart for the **gospel** ... called to bring about "the **obedience of faith** ... for the sake of his name among all the **nations**

Rom 16:25-27 my **gospel**,...[which] Has now been **made known** to all nations, according to the **command** of the eternal God, to bring about the **obedience of faith**...

Rom 15:20-24 ...my ambition to preach the gospel, **not where Christ has already been named**...since I no longer have any room for work in these regions...I hope to see you in passing as I go to **Spain**, and to be **helped on my journey there by you**

Why This Urgency?

v14-16 - under **obligation** to greeks & barbarians, **eager** to preach & **not ashamed** of the gospel

v17 For in it [the gospel] the **righteousness** of **God** is **revealed**

v18 For the **wrath** of **God** is **revealed**

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heaven against all **ungodliness** and
unrighteousness of men, who by their
unrighteousness **suppress the truth**

v19–20 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**.

Psa 19:1 The **heavens declare** the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Job 12:7-9 "But ask the **animals**, and they will teach you, or the **birds** in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the **earth**, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. **Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?"**

v.21-22 "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**"

Rom 1:23-24 and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (24) Therefore **God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25-27 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. (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.

Rom 1:28-31 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.

Psalm 81:11–12 So I **gave them over** to their stubborn hearts

Hosea 4:17 Ephraim is joined to idols; **leave him alone**

Acts 7:41-42 God... **gave them over** to worship the host of heaven

2 Thes 2:10-12 Because they rejected the truth, "**God sends them a strong delusion** to believe a lie

v.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."

Joh 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son **has eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath of God remains on him.**

Four Responses

Judgmental

Sad Observation

Humble Recognition

Moved to Mission