

THE PROBLEM – SIN & WRATH

Romans 1:16-21 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. (17) For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." (18) For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (19) because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. (20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. (21) For even though they knew God, they **did not honor Him as God** or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Summary

- (19-20) God revealed himself through his creation to be honored by mankind
- (18, 21) Mankind refused to honor God, thus incurring God's wrath
- (16-17) Believing the gospel saves us from this wrath

God created the universe and provides evidence of such

- **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Psalms 19:1** The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Man is to honor God

- **Acts 17:26-27** and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, (27) that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Man did not honor God

- **Romans 3:9-20** ... for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; (10) as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ...
- **Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- **1 John 1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

What is unrighteousness/sin?

- **1 John 3:4** Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Sin drives a wedge between Man and God

- **Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.

Separation is necessary because cannot tolerate evil by nature

- **Habakkuk 1:13** *Your* eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness *with favor*.
- **1 John 1:5** ... God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
- **Psalms 5:4** For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.
- *Sinful condition is described as death: Isaiah 59:2; James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.; Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.; Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, ...; (1 Timothy 5:6; James 1:14-15; Genesis 2:16-17)*

Sin brings God's wrath

- **Romans 2:5-8** But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, (6) who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: (7) to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; (8) but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.
- **Matthew 13:41-42** "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, (42) and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10** For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, (7) and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, (8) dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ...

THE GOSPEL – OUR SALVATION FROM SIN & WRATH

1 Corinthians 15:1-5 Now I make known to you, brethren, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, (2) by which also you are **saved**, if you hold fast the **word** which I **preached** to you, unless you **believed** in vain. (3) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the **Scriptures**, (4) and that He was buried, and that He was **raised on the third day** according to the **Scriptures**, (5) and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Jesus is God

- **John 1:1-3, 14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- **Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

Jesus is a sacrifice for our sins

- *As seen through the Old Law tutor: **Leviticus 17:11** '...; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'; **Hebrews 9:22** And according to the Law, ... without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.; **Hebrews 10:4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- **Isaiah 53**

We must respond with Faith

- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- **Romans 1:16** 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.
- **John 8:23-24** ... (24) "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am (He), you will die in your sins." **John 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." In the flesh:
 - **2 John 1:7** For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- **James 2:17-26** Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. ... (19) You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. ... (24) You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. ... (26) For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10** ... when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, (8) dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (10) when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed--for our testimony to you was believed.
- **Romans 10:8-10** ..., (9) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; (10) for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- **1 Corinthians 15:13-14** ... and if Christ has not been raised, ..., your faith also is vain.
- **Romans 6:1-13** ... (3) Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ... (11) Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- **1 Peter 2:24-25** He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ... ; **Luke 9:23-26** "take up his cross daily"
- **Acts 2:36-41** ... (37) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38) Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ...

Jesus provides a life forever with Him

- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**