#4 Why Everyone **Needs the Gospel** Romans 1:18-32 (ESV) GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE

THE REVEALED WRATH OF GOD

Romans 1:18 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.

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.

²⁴ Therefore <u>God gave them up</u> in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because 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 <u>God gave them up</u> 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.

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, <u>God gave</u> 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, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² 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.

1. THE REVEALING OF GOD'S WRATH — 1:18

Past	Present	Future
Sin's Penalty	Sin's Power	Sin's Presence

2. THE REASONS FOR GOD'S WRATH - 1:18-23

GENERALLY: Mankind has abandoned God! SPECIFICALLY:

- A. Ungodliness -
- B. Unrighteousness -
- D. Ungratefulness —
- E. Idolatry –
- C. Blindness —

3. THE RESULTS OF GOD'S WRATH - 1:24-32

- A. Sexual Revolution "dishonoring their bodies"
- B. Homosexual Revolution "dishonorable passions"
- C. Widespread Practice and Celebration of all Kinds of Sin "debased mind"

4. THE REMOVAL OF GOD'S WRATH - 1:15-17

A PRAYER OF FAITH FOR SALVATION

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of hearing Your Good News proclaimed. I humbly admit to You that I know I am a sinner and have fallen far short of what you require. In my life I've broken your holy law many times. I hate my sins and I turn away from them. I long to be free of them and forgiven by You.

I've heard your Good News about Jesus, and in this moment I'm choosing to receive Your love for me by believing that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross in my place in order to save ME from my sin and your holy wrath. I also believe that He rose again to life, and is with You even now in heaven.

Because of what Jesus has done for me, I call upon You now to save me from my sins. I transfer my full trust and allegiance to my new Master Jesus Christ and Him alone. For His sake please have mercy on me. Forgive me of all my sins and give me eternal life and Your Holy Spirit, for these come only from You. And please give me Your strength to follow Jesus as Lord of my life from this moment on, because I now declare that JESUS IS MY LORD!

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME! In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.