

Without Excuse

Romans 1:18-20

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The gospel of Jesus Christ is the theme of the entire epistle to the Romans. (v. 16, 17)

"For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven...." (v.18)

God's wrath is His settled hostility to everything that contradicts His holiness.

"For the wrath of God is **revealed** from heaven...." (v.18)

The word "revealed" in v.18 is in the present tense because it describes something that is always going on.

The wrath of God is being constantly revealed.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men...." (v.18)

1. Ungodliness focuses on man's relationship to God.
It refers to a lack of reverence a lack of devotion, a lack of worship that leads to idolatry.
2. Unrighteousness focuses on man's relationship to others.
When you are not rightly related to God, then your relationship with others suffers as well.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness...."

The word "suppress" means to deliberately reject the truth in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Question: What truth in v. 19 & 20 is so universally obvious that everyone knows it?

Answer: The revelation of God. (v.19, 20)

The Lord has revealed Himself to all people everywhere in two ways:

1. The Lord has revealed Himself in a person's internal conscience. (v.19)
2. The Lord has revealed Himself through external creation. (v.20)