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Godlessness and Wickedness

Romans 1:16-32

The Gospel

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- The gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.
- In it, God reveals his righteousness that comes by faith.
- This is matter of life and death.

God's Judgment

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- God's wrath is being revealed against unrighteousness.

God's Revelation

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- God has made himself known to humanity through creation.
- Although God is invisible, we can perceive his divinity, eternality, and power.
- There is someone to whom we answer, and we have no excuse.

Rejection of God

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- Humanity has rejected God and his created order.

Rejection of God

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- Human beings exchanged
 - the glory of the immortal God for mortal man.
 - the truth of God for a lie.
 - the Creator for the created.
- God-ordained relationships for relationships which are contrary to God's created order

Rejection of God

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- God gave people over
 - in their desires to impurity to dishonor their bodies
 - to shameful lusts
 - to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done

Rejection of God

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- Human beings are full of
 - wickedness, evil, greed, depravity
 - envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice
- They are
 - gossips, slanderers, God-haters,
 - insolent, arrogant, boastful

Rejection of God

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- They
 - invent ways of doing evil
 - disobey their parents
 - have
 - no understanding
 - no fidelity
 - no love
 - no mercy

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- Although they know God's righteous decree
 - that those who do such things deserve death,
 - they not only continue to do these very things
 - but also approve of those who practice them.

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- God has revealed himself in creation.
- Human beings have rejected God and embraced evil.
- Yet, God offers righteousness and salvation through the gospel.