

## Introduction

As a business manager, when I hire an employee, I provide a job description and give the job requirements and expectations. I provide training for that employee. Sometimes I do the training, but most of the time it is a team effort to prepare the new employee for his/her duties. When the employee and our team feel comfortable that the employee is ready, we fully release them to do their jobs. Our goal is to prepare this employee to do an excellent job for us. If the employee fails to do his/her work the way it is supposed to be done, we will address the work and try to correct any deficiencies. If the employee continues to do the work incorrectly, other measures may be taken. Our goal in hiring and training is not to terminate the employee, but to help the employee do the work properly and be successful. We do not communicate, train, and support in order to leave the employee without excuse. Our desire is to have a productive employee. But, if other steps must be taken, the employee is without excuse.

In our text today, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. When God created us, He created us to have fellowship with us. He revealed Himself and gave clear instructions of what He wanted us to do. He wanted us to be fruitful and productive, but most of all He wanted us to have fellowship with Him. Despite all of this, men have rebelled and sinned, and rejected God, and they will one day face the wrath of God. God does not take pleasure in this. In fact, He does not wish for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.” In the passage today, God gives us four reasons why sinners are without excuse when this wrath against all ungodliness comes. First, God has made evident to all men His invisible attributes, His eternal power and His divine nature. Second, people have not honored Him or given Him thanks. Third, sinners have chosen to worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator. Fourth, the unrighteous followed the lusts of their heart and committed degrading and indecent acts. So, they are without excuse when God reveals His wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness.

(2 Pet 3:9) “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

### Without Excuse (Why sinners are without excuse at the wrath of God)

#### 1. God’s Part

- a. God’s wrath
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#### 2. Man’s Part

- a. Failure to honor or give thanks
- b. Worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator
- c. Followed the lusts of their heart and committed degrading and indecent acts

(Rom 1:18-32) “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. {22} Professing to be wise, they became fools, {23} and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. {24} Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to

impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. {25} For they exchanged the truth of 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 over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, {27} and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. {28} And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, {29} being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, {30} slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, {31} without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; {32} and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”

## 1. God's Part

### a. God's Wrath

Today, one of the things that I pray for the church is a greater fear of the Lord, because the statistics of sin in the church are staggering. God tells us that the fear of the Lord is to turn away from evil. It seems that people do not live in the reality that every one of us will one day stand before God and give account. The world also does not have a fear of the Lord, and they live as if they will never face the wrath of God for their actions. But, the text today begins by saying that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

(Pr 3:7) “Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.”

(Rom 14:12) “So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.”

(Rom 1:18) “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”

I often think in terms of the future. The scriptures teach us that it was appointed to all men to die once and after this comes judgment. That is a future time, known as the Great White Throne Room Judgment (Rev 20:11-15), where the unrighteous will be judged. However, our text says that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness, which is not future tense but present and ongoing. The wrath of God has already been initiated. In our text, God gave man over to three things. In verse 24, God gave sinners over to the lusts of their heart. In verse 26, God gave sinners over to degrading passions. In verse 28, God gave sinners over to a depraved mind. Man is not getting better as time goes on; man is on a slippery slope getting more depraved and perverse as time goes on. That is part of the wrath of God that is being revealed.

(Rom 1:24, 26, 28) “Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.... {26} For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural... {28} And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,”

As we look back in the Scriptures, when Adam and Eve sinned, they were removed from the garden of Eden. There were consequences for their sins. It may not have been the wrath of God, but there were consequences. In Numbers 16, Korah and 250 leaders rose up against Moses, and the wrath of God consumed them. On the very next day, the congregation grumbled against Moses, saying that they had caused the death of the Lord's people. The Lord's wrath was kindled again, and He told Moses to get away from this congregation so that He could consume them instantly. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces. I believe they were calling out for God's forgiveness and mercy for the people. But a plague began, and 14,700 people died. I want to draw attention to verse forty-six. "Moses said to Aaron, 'Take your censer and put it in fire from the altar, and lay incense on it; then bring it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, for WRATH has gone forth from the Lord, the plague has begun.'" These two incidents were just two examples of God's wrath being revealed.

(Num 16:43-50) "Then Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting, {44} and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, {45} "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." Then they fell on their faces. {46} Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put in it fire from the altar, and lay incense *on it*; then bring it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, for **wrath has gone forth from the LORD, the plague has begun!**" {47} Then Aaron took *it* as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly, for behold, the plague had begun among the people. So he put *on* the incense and made atonement for the people. {48} He took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague was checked. {49} But those who died by the plague were 14,700, besides those who died on account of Korah. {50} Then Aaron returned to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting, for the plague had been checked."

In Numbers 25, Israel was at Shittim, and they began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. They began to sacrifice to their gods and in particular, Baal of Peor. In Numbers 25:4, God told Moses to execute the leaders and execute them in broad daylight so that His fierce anger would be turned away from Israel. That was the wrath of God being revealed.

(Num 25:1-4) "While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. {2} For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. {3} So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel. {4} The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

The nation of Israel was given over to other nations because they had forsaken the Lord. God told them this would happen if they went after false gods. His wrath has been revealed for thousands of years. There is also a future wrath of God. In Ephesians 5:6 and Colossians 3:6, Paul tells us not to be deceived, and that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. I think the church needs to hear that today. The church is not to be deceived about sin because the wrath of God is going to come upon sons of disobedience.

(Eph 5:6) "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

(Col 3:6) "For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,"

In Romans 13:5, Paul tells the saints in Rome to be in subjection to governing authorities for two reasons. Paul did not want these saints to sear or defile their conscience, and second, he did not want them to face wrath. That wrath may have been the wrath of governing authorities, and it may be wrath from God.

(Rom 13:5) “Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.”

In Ephesians 2, Paul tells us about our old life before Christ and our new life in Christ. He tells us that we were dead in our trespasses and sins and formerly walked according to the course of this world. In verse three he states, we “were by nature children of wrath.” Sinners will one day face the wrath of God. His wrath has been partially revealed, is being revealed, and will be executed in the future.

(Eph 2:1-3) “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, {2} in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. {3} Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”

## b. God's Revelation of Himself

In addition to God's wrath being revealed, God has revealed Himself to us. In verse twenty, Paul states, “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.” The good news for us is that God does not want any to suffer His wrath. He does not delight in the death of anyone. The gospel is good news, in that God sent Jesus to suffer on our behalf so that we would not face the wrath of God.

(Rom 1:20) “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.”

Last week, Paul said in Romans 1:16 that he was not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Then, in verse 17, he said, “for in it (gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith...” There is a parallel revelation going on. God is revealing His righteousness for us by faith, and He is also revealing the wrath of God who do not obey the gospel message. In 1 Thessalonians 1:10, Paul wrote that Jesus is the one who rescues us from the wrath to come. God's wrath is being revealed, but His plan of escape through Jesus is also being revealed.

(Rom 1:17) “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.”

(1 Thess 1:10) “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

The Greek word for revealed that is used here is *apokalupto* (Strong's G601), which means to uncover or reveal. We get the English word, *apocalypse* from it. The dictionary defines

apocalypse as: 1) “the complete final destruction of the world, as described in the biblical book of Revelation. 2) an event involving destruction or damage on an awesome or catastrophic scale.” They are using it in the negative sense. The Bible uses the word twenty-seven times, and in the majority of cases it is not used in the negative sense, but in the revealing of Jesus or of knowledge. In our text today, there is the revealing of both, the revealing of wrath and the revealing of God and His righteousness.

In 2 Corinthians 2, Paul speaks about the revelation of Jesus as a sweet aroma. He says that we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and an aroma from death to death to those who are perishing. God is revealing Himself and His righteousness to the world, and He is revealing His wrath to those who are perishing.

(2 Cor 2:14-16) “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. {15} For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; {16} to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?”

God is Spirit and He is invisible, which means not visible. His attributes are not visible. There are lots of things that we cannot see, but we know are there. When we are outside on a windy day, we cannot see the wind, but we see the effects of the wind. The tree branches are leaning and moving, and often we see other things being blown by the wind. We can’t see the wind, but we know that it is blowing by the effects.

(Rom 1:20) “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.”

In the same way, God is invisible and He has revealed Himself to us. The evidence that Paul gives in our text is creation. God is the Creator of the heavens and earth. In Colossians 1:15-16, we see that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and that He created all things both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible.

(Col 1:15-16) “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. {16} For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

In 1 Timothy 1:17, Paul breaks out in praise stating, “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” God is invisible, which simply means that He is not visible.

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As I look at creation, I am blown away by it. I see the massive mountains and they reveal God’s majesty and power. I see all the species of salt water fish, and they are spectacular in color and diversity. They did not randomly evolve or happen. They have the mark of our Creator on them. When I look at all the various birds and their magnificent colors, I see the mark of our Creator. I look at the red and black Cardinals and admire their beauty. I look at the Robins and admire their

orange colors. I look at the blue birds and blue jays and admire their colors. Then I look at all the varieties of flowers and bushes and trees. I look at all the fruits and vegetables. Their soil requirements are different. Their temperature requirements are different. It does not matter whether it is insects, birds, fish, animals, flowers, trees, grasses, or stars, everything reveals that a wise Creator designed and created every part of creation. “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.”

## 2. Man’s Part

### a. They have not honored Him or given Him thanks. (Rom 1:21)

The second reason that sinners are without excuse is that they have not honored God or given Him thanks. Even though God has revealed Himself to everyone and they knew God, they did not honor Him or give thanks to Him. Honoring God and giving thanks to Him is a big deal.

(Rom 1:21) “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.”

In Malachi 1, God spoke through the prophet, Malachi, and said, “a son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?” In the book of Malachi, God rebukes Israel for not giving their best to Him. They gave the lame and weak animals rather than their best, and this did not honor God. He also rebuked them for not giving their tithes and offerings. Again, this did not honor God.

(Mal 1:6) “A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?” says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’”

In Proverbs 3:9-10, we are commanded to honor the Lord from our wealth and from the first of all our produce. Both Malachi and Solomon gave promises of blessing for those that honor God with their tithes and offerings. If God looked at the church today, whether in America or anywhere else in the world, what would He say? I believe the modern day Malachi would get the same message as the Old Testament Malachi. The church today does not give their best and they do not bring in the whole tithe. The church today does not honor God with its finances. Many times we like to use Romans 1 to discuss sinners, rather than saints, and that is correct. But, there is to be a marked difference between the lives of sinners and saints. The sinners did not honor God and are without excuse. At the same time, God has revealed His invisible nature to the saints, and they know that they are to honor God with their finances, and they do not honor God.

(Pr 3:9-10) “Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce;  
{10} So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

In Romans 1:21, Paul did not specify tithes and offerings, he just said that though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks. In Psalm 50 God tells us that if He were hungry, He would not tell us. He does not need our money or animal sacrifices. In verse twenty-three, He said, “He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God.” What God does not have is our sacrifices of thanksgivings, and these are precious to God. One of the key ways of honoring God is with our thanksgivings. Last week I spent time talking about how we enter the gates with thanksgivings

and God's courts with praise. The church needs to learn to give thanks in all things, and to enter God's presence with thanksgiving. Our prayers need to reflect and communicate our thanksgiving to God.

(Ps 50:23) "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders *his way aright* I shall show the salvation of God."

In the New Testament, the author of Hebrews encourages us to continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. Our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, and our good deeds and sharing all please and honor God. Unbelievers do not offer thanks and do not honor God. The lives of believers, on the other hand, should reflect and reveal a heart of thanksgiving. We need to give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for us.

(Heb 13:15-16) "Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. {16} And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

(1 Thess 5:18) "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

**b. Worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. (Rom 1:21-23)**

On man's part, the second reason that they are without excuse is that they have exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.

(Rom 1:22-25) "Professing to be wise, they became fools, {23} and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. {24} Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. {25} For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

Many people today have refused to acknowledge that there is a God, because that gives them the freedom in their minds to do whatever they want to do. If God does not exist, there is no moral absolute, and they can do as they please. Even though God's invisible attributes are seen everywhere, they have exchanged the truth for a lie and denied His existence. Instead, they have worshiped creation. We see it all the time. People want to save the earth. They want to save whales. I am not against saving whales, animals, trees, and being environmentally wise. God told us to rule over His creation, and we should be good stewards of creation. But, we must worship God and be good stewards of what belongs to Him. The Bible says that the earth is the Lord's and all it contains. We are stewards that should take good care of what belongs to God.

(Gen 1:28) "God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

(Ps 24:1-2) "The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. {2} For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

(Ps 89:11) “The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them.”

In Exodus 20, God gave Moses the ten commandments. In verse three, He wrote, “You shall have no other gods before Me.” Anything that stands between God and us is an idol or a false god. It is great to be a good steward of the earth and animals, but that in and of itself cannot stand in the place of God or it becomes an idol.

(Ex 20:3-4) “You shall have no other gods before Me. {4} You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.”

This weekend, I had the opportunity to visit an old friend of mine in Shreveport. I used to stay with him when I played in the Shreveport Open. He printed the *Good News About Fundamentals*” for me. I shared a testimony with him on Friday morning before we left. I shared with him how God gave me a choice while playing in a tournament at Waterwood National Golf Club. God said that it was either golf or Him, but that I could not serve both masters. I wrestled with God that whole round, and I shot the highest score I ever remember shooting. I finally came to the place that day where I made Jesus Lord of my life, and was willing to give up golf. The Lord did not take away golf, but allowed me to go on and play twenty years as a professional. God removed golf from being an idol in my life that day. Later on, when God told me to lay down golf and plant a church, I did not struggle with the decision, because golf was just something that I did unto the Lord. It was no longer an idol or my identity. My identity was in Christ and I was free to serve Him.

**c. Followed the lusts of their heart and committed degrading and indecent acts. (Rom 1:24-32)**

A few weeks ago I received two bad text messages. The first text message said the buyers of the property at 2501 Juan Tabo had pulled out. The second text message was from the person buying our motorhome, and he said the bank had reneged on his loan. I was telling Tom about these two text messages and he asked me if I had any good news. I told him that I was studying Romans 1 and it was more bad news. God gave sinners over to the lusts in their hearts to impurity. God gave men over to degrading passions and evil desires for unnatural things. God gave sinners over to a depraved mind and they did things which are not proper. When people reject Christ, it is a downward spiral into more sin, and they will one day face the wrath of God.

(Rom 1:24-32) “Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. {25} For they exchanged the truth of 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 over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, {27} and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. {28} And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, {29} being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, {30} slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, {31} without understanding, untrustworthy,

unloving, unmerciful; {32} and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”

As we look at the world today, we see that people are filled with unnatural desires towards people of their own sex. We see people filled with unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossip, slander, insolence, arrogance, and boastfulness. We see children today disobedient to parents, and when the family breaks down, things go further downhill, as they have no respect for authority of any kind. We used to do business with a handshake, but not any longer. People are untrustworthy, and a verbal commitment does not mean anything to them any longer. I took my home off of Homelister.com last week and it came out of the MLS. I did this so that I could list my home with a realtor named Rick Jackson. I had lots of realtors call me, wanting me to list with them. I responded to one lady and told her that I had given my word to another realtor. She asked me if I had signed papers with him. I told her no, and a second time that I had given him my word. She asked again about meeting with me and asked me to sign with her since I had not signed any papers. She persisted and I told her again that my word was as good as a signed contract. People do not understand that concept any longer. Most peoples’ verbal commitment means nothing, but to me, it is as good as a written contract.

People are unloving and unmerciful. People do not even know what love is. I tell couples to read through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 to get a better understanding of what love is. When I ask them questions about the passage, it becomes easy for them to see that they have not been walking in love with their spouse. As believers, we love because God first loved us. He gave us this agape love and has made it possible for us to love others. But the world does not know or understand that perfect love; they are unloving and unmerciful.

Paul ends with a statement that people not only do all these evil things, but they also give hearty approval to those that practice them. There is no remorse or shame for doing these things. There is a full-blown rebellion against God and His laws. Because of man’s rejection of God, their failure to honor and thank Him, their idolatry, and their practice of evil, they have no excuse before God when they face the wrath of God.

## **Conclusion and Applications**

Our passage today is about having no excuses before God when He exercises His wrath on the unrighteous. There is a parallel thread running in the text. Paul is eager to preach the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. God does not want anyone to suffer the wrath to come, and He has revealed Himself, and His plan for us to escape that wrath. Where are you this morning? Do you believe in God? Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, that was born as a man and took the wrath of God in our place so that we could have eternal life? Do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Have you received Christ into your life? Have you confessed Jesus as Lord of your life? If you have never done this and would like to receive Christ this morning, I invite you to pray with me.

*Father God, thank You for revealing Yourself and for sending Your Son to take away my sins. I believe that Jesus came and died for our sins, and You raised Him from the dead. Jesus, I confess You as Lord this morning. I turn away from the worship of any idol or created thing, and I choose to worship You the rest of my life. Please come in and forgive me of my sins. Amen.*

There may be someone today that has received Christ into their life, but you have not been honoring God with your life, or with your sacrifices of thanksgiving. The Holy Spirit may have convicted you this morning of something that has come between you and the Lord, and you want to repent of that this morning. I invite you to pray with me this morning.

*Father God, You say that if we confess our sins that You are faithful and will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Lord, I confess that I have not been honoring You with my life or with my thanksgivings. Forgive me of this. I confess that I have put other things before You, and I ask You to forgive me and to cleanse me of all this unrighteousness. I ask You to restore to me the joy of my salvation. I ask You to fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for Your lovingkindness and tender mercies. Thank You for continuing to work in my life. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Q & A

**Introduction** (2 Pet 3:9, Rom 1:18-32)

**1. God's Part**

- a. **God's Wrath** (Pr 3:7, Rom 14:12, 1:18, Rev 20:11-15, Rom 1:24, 1:26, 1:28, Num 16:43-50, 25:1-4, Eph 5:6, Col 3:6, Rom 13:5, Eph 2:1-3)
  
- b. **God's Revelation of Himself** (Rom 1:20, 1:17, 1 Thess 1:10, 2 Cor 2:14-16, Col 1:15-16, 1 Tim 1:17)

**2. Man's Part**

- a. **They have not honored Him or given Him thanks.** (Rom 1:21, Mal 1:6, Pr 3:9-10, Ps 50:23, Heb 13:15-16, 1 Thess 5:18)
  
- b. **Worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.** (Rom 1:21-25, Gen 1:28, Ps 24:1-2, Ps 89:11, Ex 20:3-4)
  
- c. **Followed the lusts of their heart and committed degrading and indecent acts.** (Rom 1:24-32)

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