

Leader

Romans 1:16-18 (ESV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Congregation

Rom. 1:19-20 (ESV)

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.

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Rom. 1:21-23 (ESV)

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.

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Rom. 1:24,25 (ESV)

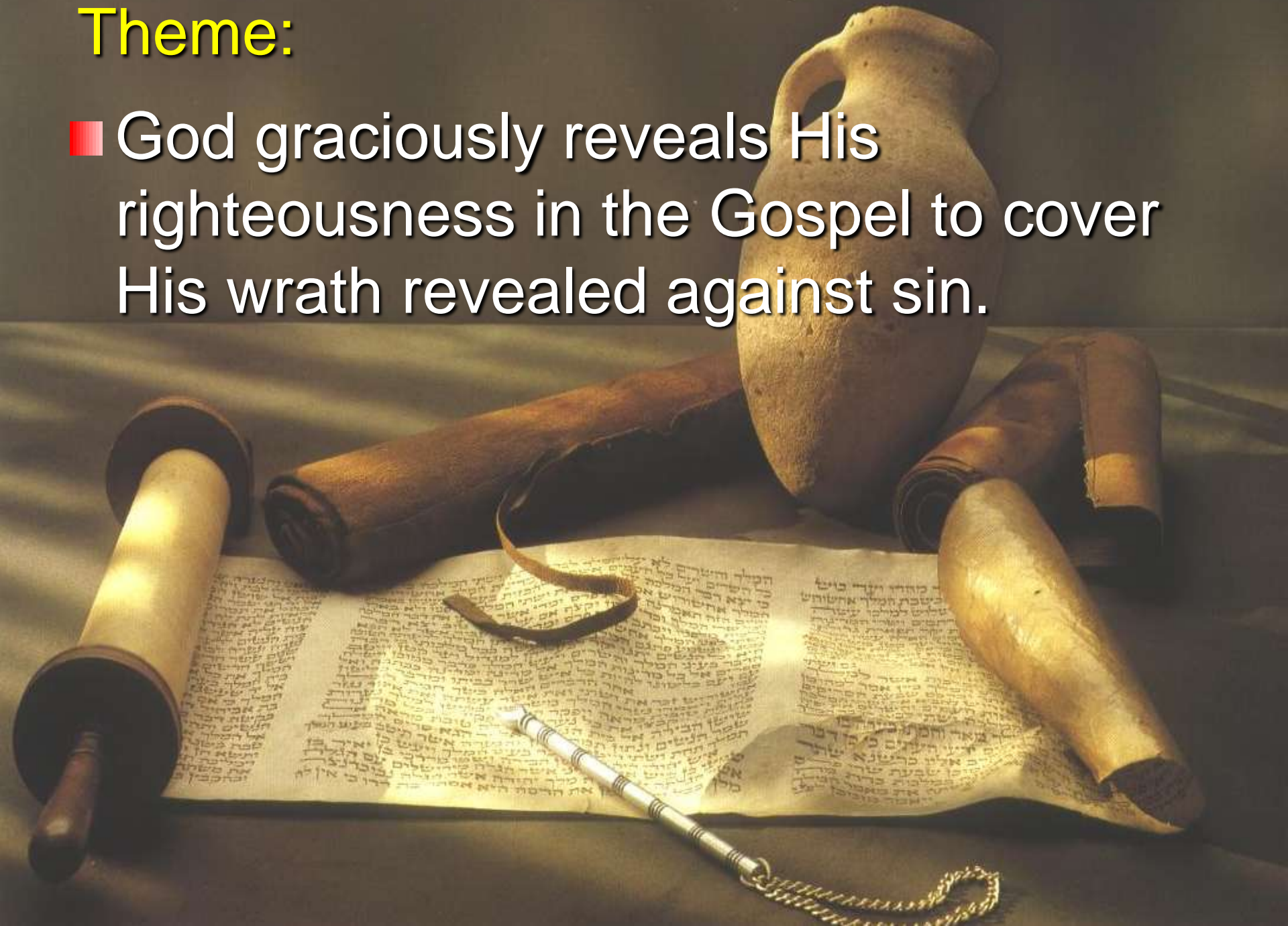
24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



Good News, Bad News
Romans 1:16-25

Theme:

- God graciously reveals His righteousness in the Gospel to cover His wrath revealed against sin.



Filling our Horizon, Defining our place



2 Revelations Demanding Response (1:16-20)

■ Revelation of God's *righteousness*

- In the **Gospel** (16,17) He offers His righteousness to us by faith.
- In **Creation** (v.20) He shows His eternal power and divine nature



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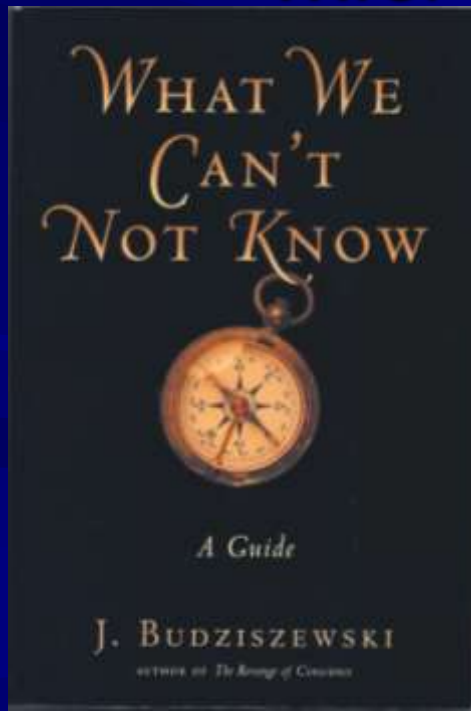
■ Revelation of God's *wrath* against

■ Ungodliness; sin in our *heart*

■ Unrighteousness; sin in our *life*

■ *...that suppresses the truth we know*

■ *...for what can be known is plain*



3 Responses without Excuse (1:18,21-25)

- **Repression** (suppression) (v.18,21)
 - They didn't honor or thank Him
- **Rationalization** (v.21,22)
 - They became futile in speculation & their foolish hearts were darkened
- **Replacement** (v.23,24) (Idolatry)
 - They exchanged the Creator for the creature

Result (1:24,25)

- God gave them over to impurity of hearts and dishonor of their bodies.

Responses that Reverse the Cycle (16,17)

- I can suppress the truth about suppression or face it.
- Repent:
 - “I have suppressed the truth”
 - “I have rationalized & become foolish”
 - “I have exchanged myself, others and things for God’s role & experience pain in my life

Responses that Reverse the Cycle (16,17)

■ Believe

- I trust Christ to be God's righteousness for me & absorb His wrath for me
- I trust Him for the power to reverse the consequence of my sin
- I will not be ashamed of the Gospel when others suppress the truth