

Unrestrained

Intro:

Matt 6:24

The key to understanding the good news is understanding the bad. You were not saved from unbelief you were saved from idolatry...can you see it?

Problem:

Rom 1:16-18

I am not ashamed of the Gospel because I can see it

If we only see Romans 1:16-17 only news

But when we see it against the backdrop of Romans 1:18-32 it is good indeed.

In other words, you can only see His grace against the backdrop of His wrath...

Main Idea:

God's wrath is visible now

 Against everyone who does not look like Him

 Against everyone who does not act like Him

 Against everyone who suppresses the truth about Him

 Against our idolatry

Can you see it in our unrestrained lust?

Can you see it in our unrestrained homosexuality?

Can you see it in our unrestrained depravity?

Can you see it in our unrestrained approval?

Implication:

1 Cor 6:9-11 can you see the good news?

Application:

(Rom 1:16-18)

I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is truly good news for idolators no matter how bad...

Outro:

This is it

Articles for further studies:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/bad-news-good-news.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-homosexuality-is-not-like-other-sins>

<https://www.gospelproject.com/idolatry/>

Text:

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God's wrath is visible now

Rom. 1:18 ¶ **For** the **wrath** of God **is revealed** from heaven

Rev 6:12-17 orgai = wrath - personal and passionate rage and fury will be revealed but also is revealed now

Against everyone who does not look like Him

Rom 1:18b against all ungodliness

Ex 20:1-6 (why cant we make a picture of Him?)

Gen 1:26-29 (He already made one)

Matt 3:16-17(God is mad at everyone who does not look like Him - behold the Gospel)

Against everyone who does not act like Him

Rom 1:18c and unrighteousness of men,

Rom 3:9-23 (God is mad at everyone who does not act like Him - Behold the gospel)

Against everyone who suppresses the truth about Him

Rom 1:18d who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Rom. 1:19 **For** what can be known about God is **plain to them**, because God **has shown it to them**.

Rom. 1:20 **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**.

Lk 19:37-40 (God is mad at everyone who suppress the truth about Him)

Psalms 19:1-2 (no one goes to Hell for rejecting One they have never heard of - but for rejecting the One they have)

Against our idolatry

Rom. 1:21 **For** although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became **foolish** in their thinking, and their **foolish** hearts were **darkened**.

Rom. 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became **fools** (moraino -morons),

Rom. 1:23 and **exchanged** the **glory** of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

1 Jn 5:20-21 (everyone worships a god...not everyone worships the God - not believer vs unbeliever but believer vs idolator)

Jer 2:11-13 (we have chosen worthless idols - Evolution, materialism, naturalism, rationalism - all reduce us in some way)

Isaiah 2:12-22 (His wrath against idols will be revealed but it is also revealed now...how?)

Isa 57:13 (His wrath is visible in His unrestraint...)

Rom 1:24, 26, 28 (gave them up)

Can you see it our unrestrained lust?

Rom. 1:24 ¶ **Therefore God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

Rom. 1:25 **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.

Ex 32:1-6 (we are defined by what we love - if we love an idol it reduces us - profanes us - can you see it? Free sex, porn, abortion, fatherless homes, suicide, school shootings -can you see His wrath)

Can you see it in our unrestrained homosexuality?

Rom. 1:26 ¶ **For this reason God gave them up** to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

Rom. 1:27 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.

Gen 19:1-9 (our first picture depicts fallenness throughout the Bible from beginning to end)

Rev 11:8 (the cultural embrace of homosexuality is the most radical picture of our fallenness)

Judges 19:22-27 (give daughter in both...deconstruction of boundaries and basic norms -marriage, gender, etc. can you see it?)

Can you see it in our unrestrained depravity?

Rom. 1:28 ¶ **And since** they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up** to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Rom. 1:29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

Rom. 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Rom. 1:31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Judges 21:25 (subjective morality - can you see it?)

Can you see it in our unrestrained approval?

Rom. 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but **give approval** to those who practice them.

Isa 5:20 (new morality)

Ezek 9:1-6 (grieved not approving- can you see it?)