



*Our Theme For 2024:*

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# Journey Through Romans



# Why We Need the Gospel





# Where the Gospel Starts?

# Romans 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

# Romans 1:16-18

<sup>17</sup> 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.”

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<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

# Romans 2:5

<sup>5</sup> But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,



# Where the Gospel Starts?

- Paul begins explaining why the gospel is good news, and he starts with the wrath of God?!  
This is God's settled opposition to sin and its effects.

# The Problem in Romans chapters 1-3





# 1) Sin, a problem of “they.”



# Romans 1:21

<sup>21</sup> 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.



-Some ideas to notice about  
humanity's drift into sin:



Pride

# Romans 1:18-22

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

<sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

# Romans 1:18-22

<sup>20</sup> 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.



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<sup>21</sup> 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.

# Romans 1:18-22

<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became  
fools,

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Darkened Hearts



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God lets us choose

# Romans 1:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

<sup>25</sup> 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.



# Romans 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over  
to degrading passions; for their women  
exchanged the natural function for that  
which is unnatural,

# Romans 1:26-27

<sup>27</sup> 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.

# Romans 1:28-32

<sup>28</sup> 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,  
<sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,



# Romans 1:28-32

<sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent,  
arrogant, boastful, inventors of  
evil, disobedient to parents,  
<sup>31</sup> without understanding,  
untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

# Romans 1:28-32

<sup>32</sup> 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.

## 2) Sin, a problem of “you.”





# Romans 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

<sup>2</sup> And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

# Romans 2:1-3

<sup>3</sup> But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

## 2) Sin, a problem of “you.”



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-It's easy to judge others, and make excuses for our own sins.



### 3) Sin, a problem of “all.”



-Verses:

# Romans 3:9-10

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better than they?  
Not at all; for we have already charged  
that both Jews and Greeks are all  
under sin;

<sup>10</sup> as it is written,

“THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

## Romans 3:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

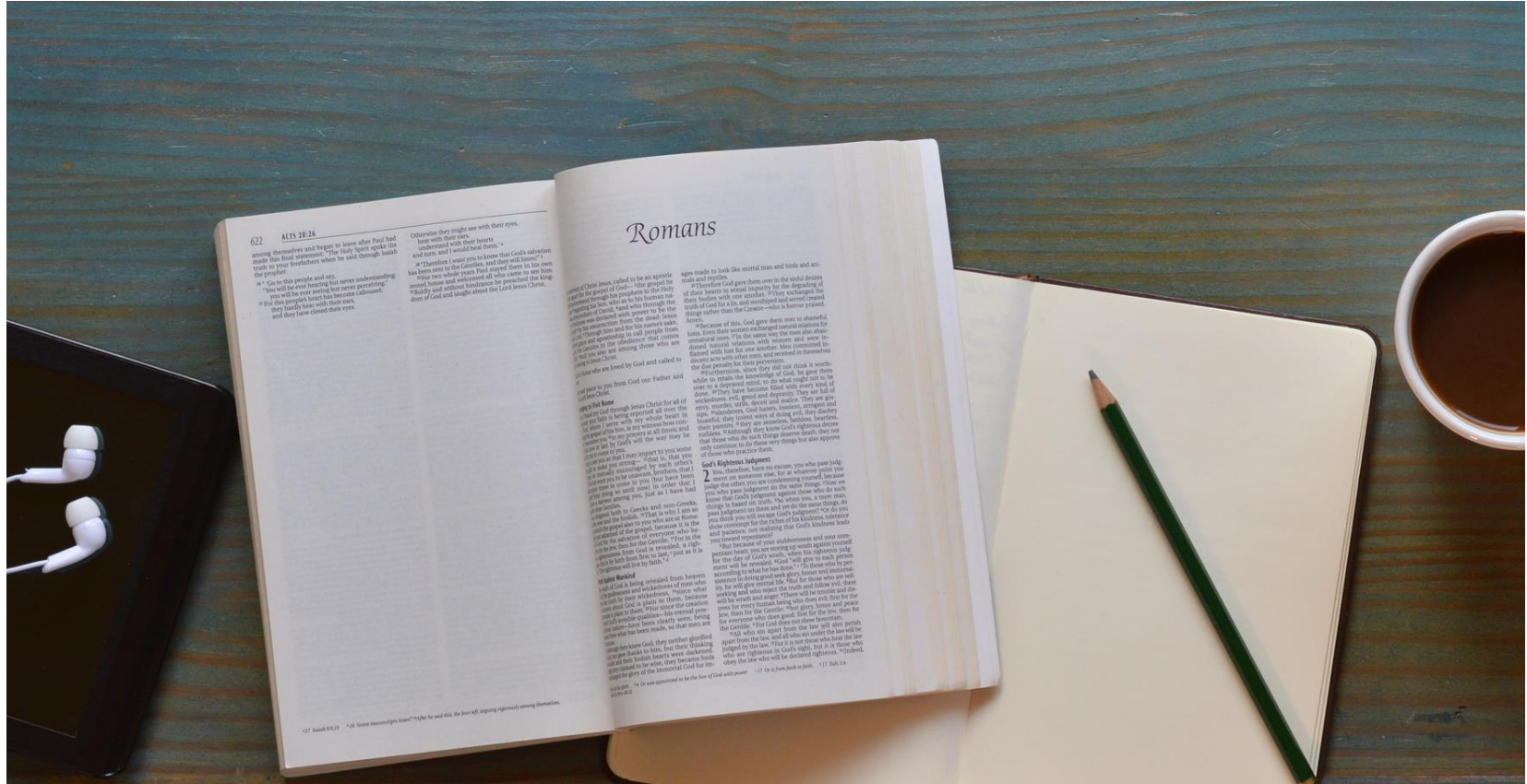
<sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

# Romans 3:23

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God,

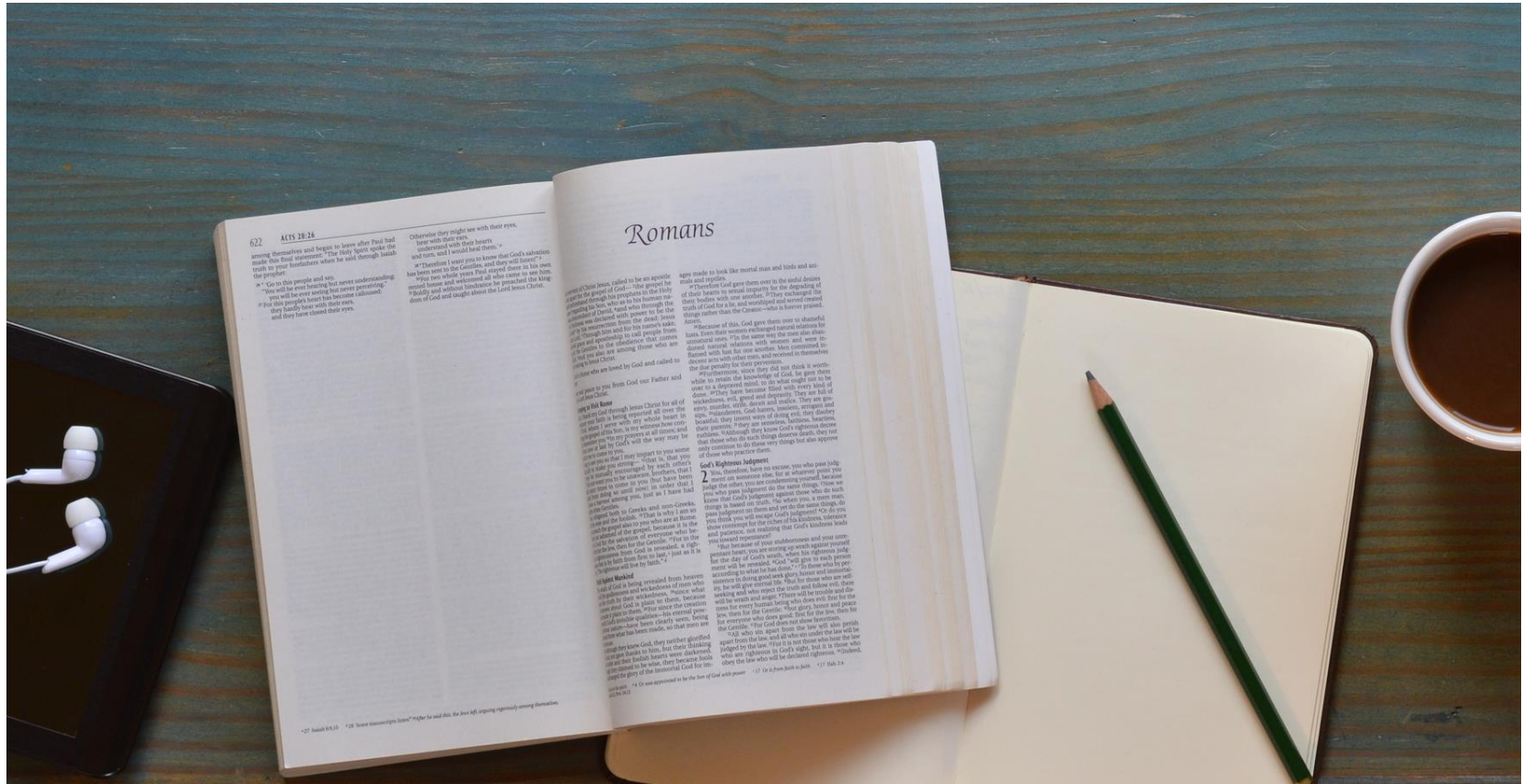


# What Might We Take from That?



➤ Seeing God with more thankfulness.

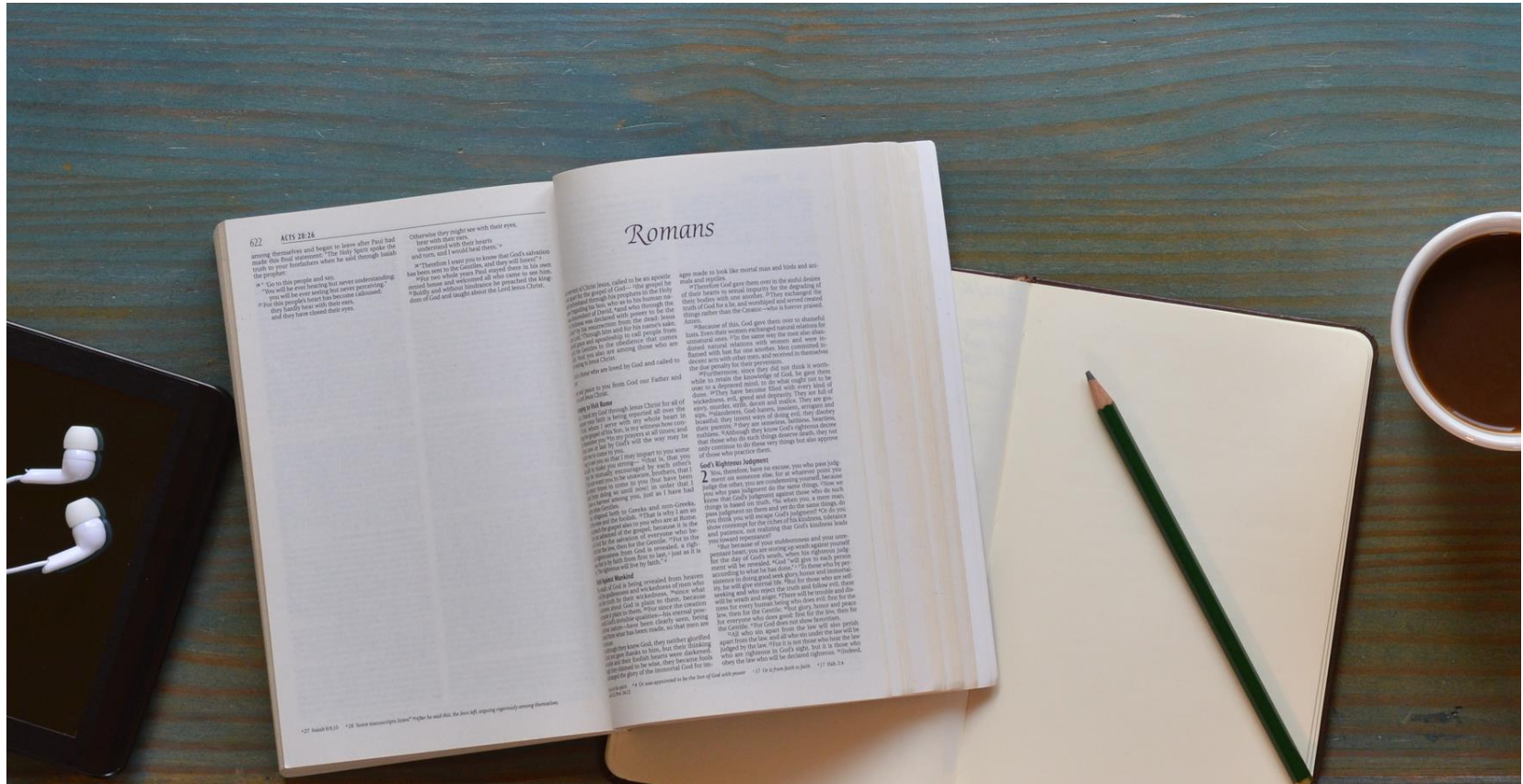
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Seeing others with more love.



# What Might We Take from That?



Seeing ourselves with more humility.



The gospel starts with  
“I need a Savior.”



# Acts 2:37-38

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.