

Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans

Week 2

Senior Teaching Pastor Jim Supp - Reston Bible Church - Sunday, January 18, 2026



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

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

“What a shock, then, to read about wrath, sin, idolatry, degradation, judgment.”

Douglas J. Moo

...But we will never understand God or the work He accomplished for us in His Son until we appreciate the reality of God's wrath.

Douglas J. Moo

Starting Point: The Wrath Of God

For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...

Romans 1:18 ESV



Gave them up: Turn over to authority,
to give authority to

1. Deviate Theologically - All Suppress The Truth

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

Romans 1:18 ESV



Suppress: *katecho* – physically hold something down, to keep within limits

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

Romans 1:19-20 ESV

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**.

Romans 1:21 ESV

2. Deviate In Worship - Created Things

Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:22-23 ESV

3. Deviate Sexually - Outside Of God's Design

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 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.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 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.

Romans 1:24-27 ESV

Dishonorable passions: indignities of desire

Natural relations: in accordance with the attributes & purposes which are proper in view of one's origin



Marriage in the Bible

Theological treatise

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ESV



Marriage in the Bible

Theological treatise

Roman society

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 14:12 ESV

And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and by the **Spirit of our God**.

1 Corinthians 6:11 ESV

4. Deviate Intellectually - Debased Mind

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.

Romans 1:28 ESV

Debased: unqualified, disqualified, worthless, not fitting

Mind: seat of the faculty of reason

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds**. They are **darkened in their understanding**, alienated from the life of God because of the **ignorance that is in them**, due to their hardness of heart.

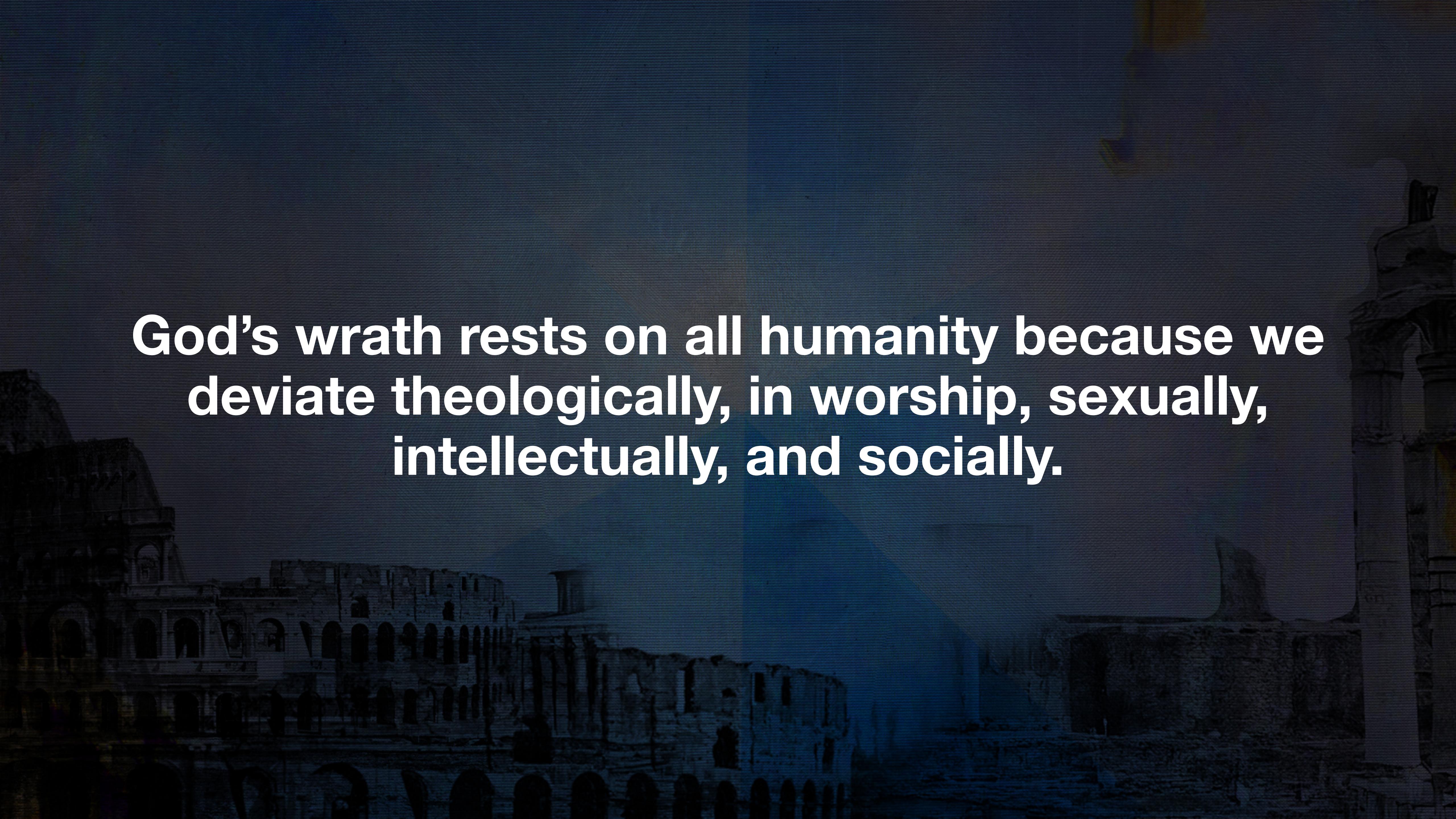
Ephesians 4:17-18 ESV

5. Deviate Socially - Relational Disruption

They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

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.

Romans 1:29-32 ESV



God's wrath rests on all humanity because we deviate theologically, in worship, sexually, intellectually, and socially.

1. To The Believer In Jesus

- You have been rescued

**Rescued: God's Plan for Redemption
Revealed in Romans**

- Reflect on those who need to be rescued

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me!

Amazing Grace, John Newton

2. To The “Not Yet A Believer In Jesus”

- You can be rescued from God’s wrath

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 ESV