

No excuses.

Douglas Moo: “The Heart of the Gospel: Justification by Faith (1:18–4:25).”¹

Romans 1:18-20

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

- Q: What is the wrath of God?
 - A: God’s justified and righteous response to human evil.
- God’s wrath is revealed – ‘Αποκαλύπτεται ‘Apocalypse’ (unveiling)
- Q: Why is God’s wrath revealed?
 - A: Because humans suppress the truth.
 - Q: How do they suppress the truth?
 - A: by their unrighteousness.
- Q: How is God’s wrath revealed?
 - He hands over custody to our broken desires that lead us and everything around us to eventual physical and eternal destruction.

- God has made it plain: He has not left humanity without a witness – 1:19 *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*
 - Q: What is plain? – 1:20a
 - *For, his invisible attributes,*
 - *namely, His eternal power*
 - *and divine nature,*
 - Q: How clear are they?
 - *Have been clearly perceived – 1:20b*
 - Q: For how long has God revealed these truths to humanity?
 - *ever since the creation of the world,*
 - Q: Through what pathways?
 - *in the things that have been made.*

- So what? – *So they are without excuse.* – 1:20b

¹ Douglas J. Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996), v.