

LESSON 2 ROMANS 1:16-23

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GOSPEL AND GOD 16-17

It is the “power of God” – *dunamis Theou*

The power of God, through the gospel leads to salvation

The power of God, through the gospel is effective only by faith

It reveals “the righteousness of God” – by means of the gospel we learn about the righteousness of God. (Following verse talk about things we learn about God from general revelation.)

“from faith” – from saving faith

“to faith” – to living faith

*** A litmus test for your salvation is the ability to trust God. Little faith is characteristic of spiritual immaturity. Large faith, maturity.

THE CONSEQUENCES FROM GOD FOR REFUSING THE GOSPEL 18-23

The wrath of God is poured out on rebellious works of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Why does he do this?

Because even general revelation teaches mankind about the character and attributes of God.

(General revelation – all God given elements with which every person has everyday encounters. Theologians normally give these three examples: 1) Cosmology – The universe around us had a cause, 2) Teleology – purpose, order, and design demand an architect, and 3) Anthropology – the soul, conscience, and even intellect of man demands a supreme designer.)

Because when mankind encounters God by general revelation, they refuse to glorify Him, and instead they insult Him by worshipping His creation instead of him.

(Good examples of this are tribal religions around the world. Many cultures worship the sun, the rain, the earth, harvest, etc.)