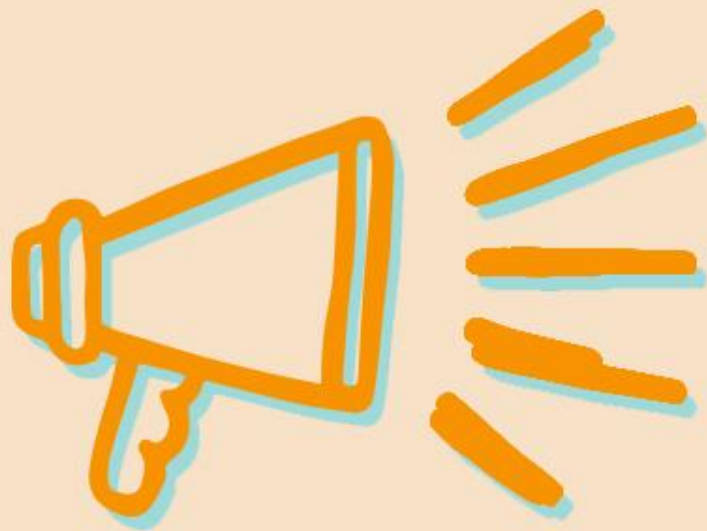


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GOD'S GOOD NEWS

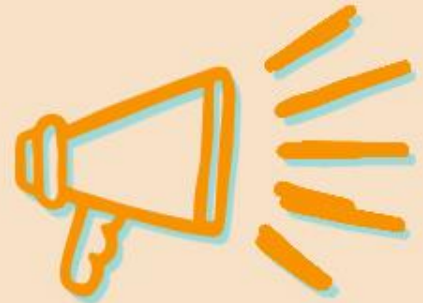
The Necessity of the Good News
Romans 1:18 -2:5

‘That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.’

Romans 1:15

‘For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.’

Romans 1:16

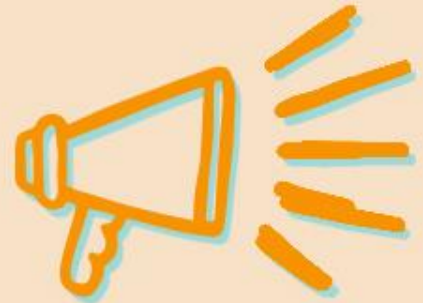


The Necessity of the Good News

1. Why do we need the Good News?

‘For the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven.’

Romans 1:18

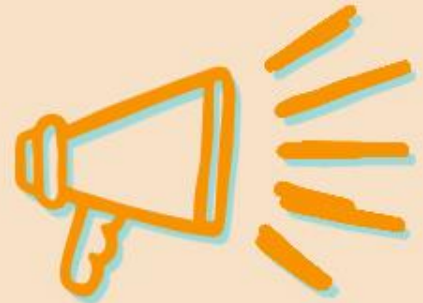


The Necessity of the Good News

1. Why do we need the Good News?
2. **Why God's Wrath?**

**We need to be saved from God's Wrath -
His holy and just judgement of sin**

***'Your eyes are too pure to look on
Evil; you cannot tolerate
Wrongdoing.'* Habakkuk 1:13**

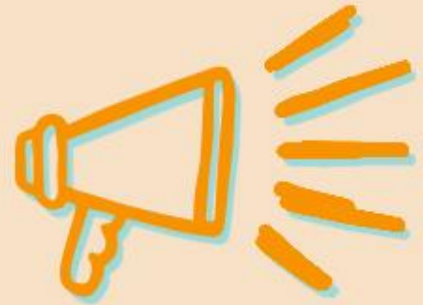


***‘It was because the LORD loved you.....
that He....redeemed you from the land
of slavery’***

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

***‘...whoever rejects the Son will not see
life, for God’s wrath remains on them.’***

John 3:36



***‘The wrath of God is being revealed
from heaven against all the godlessness
and wickedness of people, who suppress
the truth by their wickedness.’***

Romans 1:18



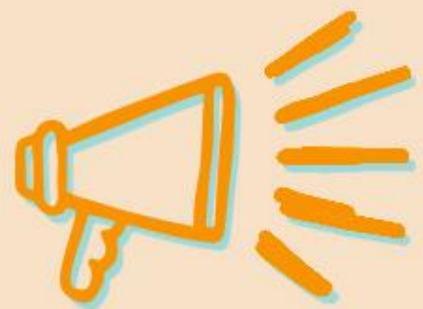
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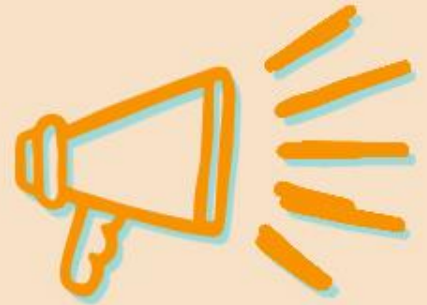


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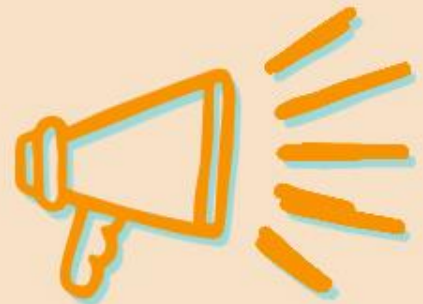


'I used to think that wrath was unworthy of God. Isn't God love? Shouldn't divine love be beyond wrath? God is love, and God loves every person and every creature. Then exactly why is God wrathful against some of them? My last resistance to the idea of God's wrath was the casualty of the war in the former Yugoslavia,...



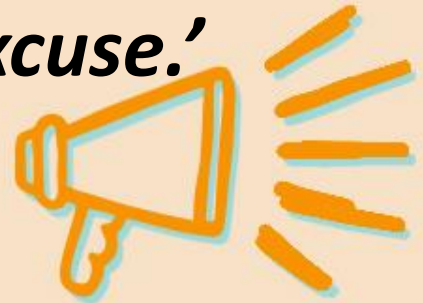
...the region from which I come. According to some estimates, 200,000 people were killed and over 3 million were displaced. My villages and cities were destroyed. My people shelled day in and day out, some of them brutalized beyond imagination, and I could not imagine God not being angry[about this].'

Miroslav Volf



‘The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.’

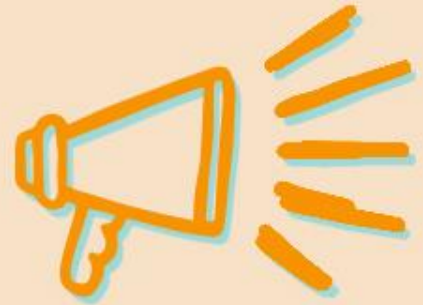
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The Necessity of the Good News

2. Why God's Just Judgment (Wrath)?

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..For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.' (v21)



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Romans 1:18



'I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; and consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption...For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom...



..The supporters of this system claimed that it embodied the meaning – the Christian meaning, they insisted – of the world. There was one admirably simple method of confuting these people and justifying ourselves in our erotic revolt: we would deny that the world had any meaning at all.'

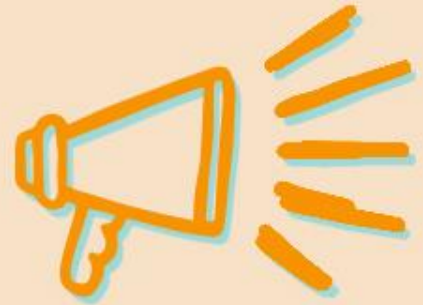
Aldus Huxley



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Romans 1:21



‘Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own.’

2 Samuel 12:7-9



The Necessity of the Good News

2. Why God's Just Judgment (Wrath)?

- (i) God reveals Himself through creation
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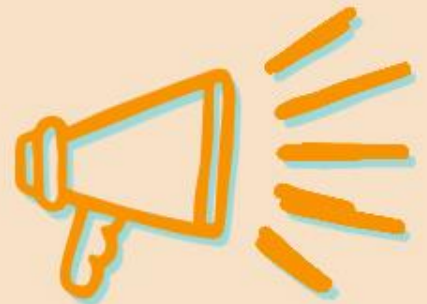
***‘Although they claimed to be wise,
they became fools..’***

Romans 1:22



‘When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.’

Genesis 3:6-7



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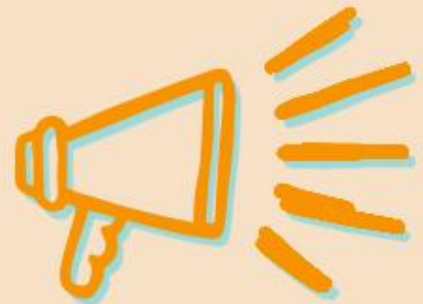
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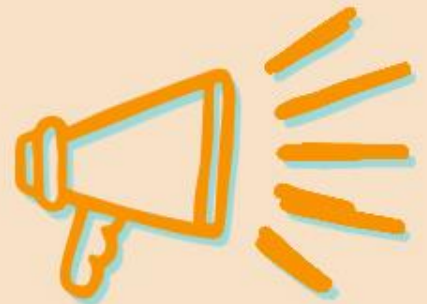
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..and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

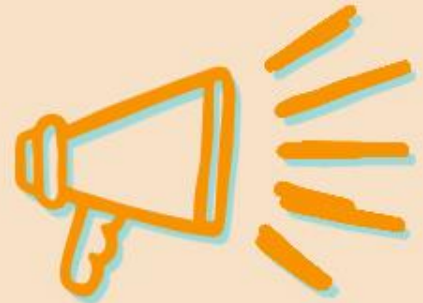
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- (vi) **We confuse the distinctions
between male and female**

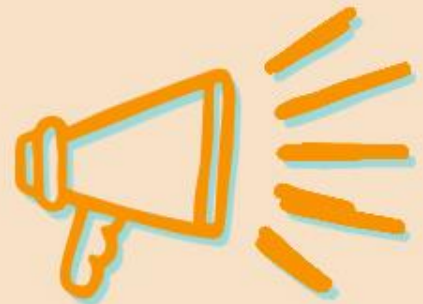


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..Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.'

Romans 1:24-27



Responses to Paul's Teaching

- **The Liberal Christian response**
- **The Ultra-Conservative Christian response**
- **The Balanced Biblical Christian response**



1. Tough on ourselves and generous to others

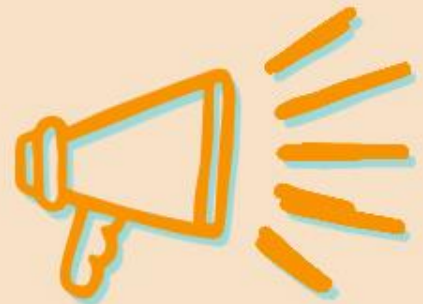


‘They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;....

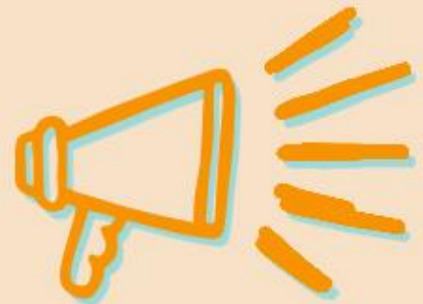


....they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.'

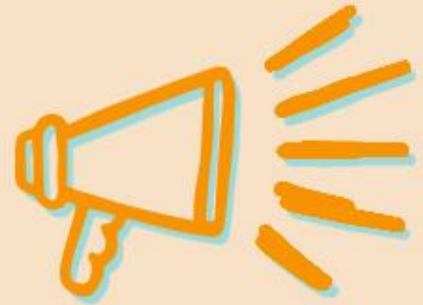
Romans 1:29-32



‘You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth....



....So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?.....



....But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.'

Romans 2:1-5



- 1. Tough on ourselves and generous to others**
- 2. The Good News deals with God's wrath**



