



# ROMANS

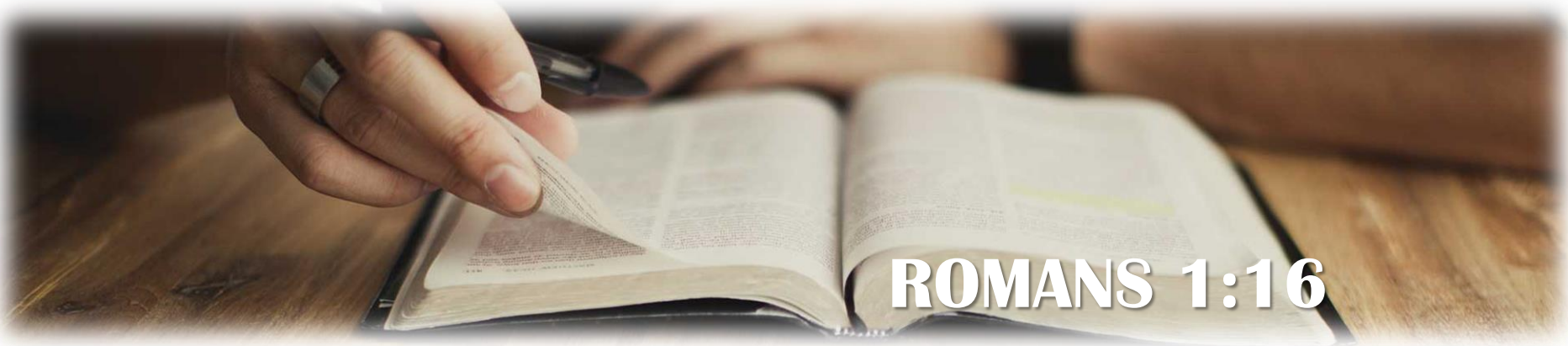
# The Book of Romans

BIBLE STUDY



## Lesson #2: **The Theme**, 1:16-19





# ROMANS 1:16

GOSPEL: *euaggelion*, 'good news'

- EFFICACY: **power**
- DIVINE: of **God**
- OBJECT: **salvation**
- IMPARTIAL: **everyone**
- CONDITION: who **believes**
- ORDER: **Jews** first, to the **Greek**

**W H Luckenbach**

Whenever the Gospel is preached,  
God is working to save someone.

'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.'

# a·shamed

ə' SHāmd/



## ***adjective***

1. embarrassed or guilty because of one's actions, characteristics, or associations.

"you should be **ashamed of yourself**"

2. reluctant to do something through fear of embarrassment or humiliation.

***synonyms:*** sorry, shamefaced, abashed, sheepish, guilty, contrite, remorseful, repentant, penitent, regretful, rueful, apologetic

'I am not ashamed'



The Man Without a Face

*Epaischunomai* – from a word meaning ‘disfigurement’ then **disgrace**.

- To experience a painful feeling or sense of loss of status
- Being afraid to doing something from shame, reluctance due to fear of humiliation



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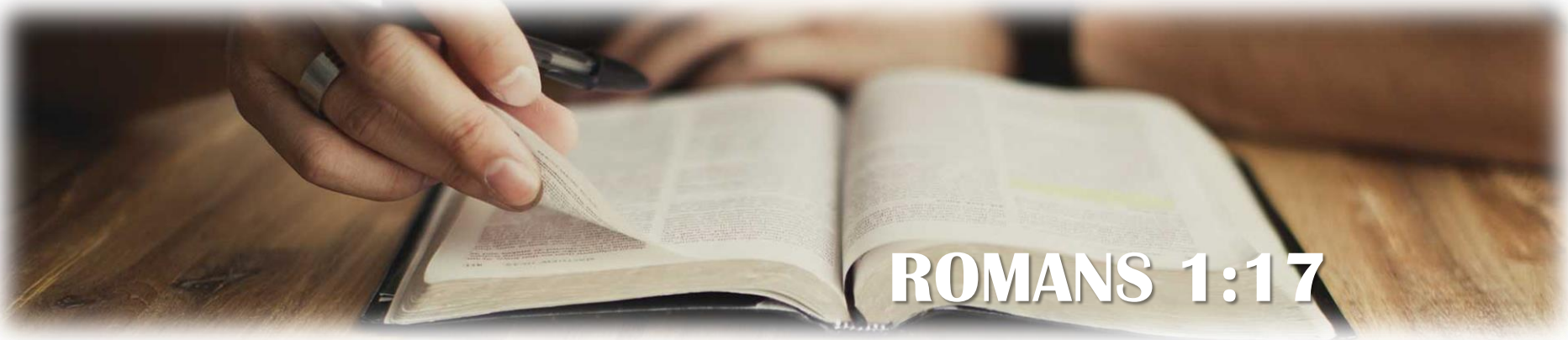
**Gospel** – the good news of God's plan to save man through Jesus Christ.

**POWER:** *dýnamai*, "inherent power"

The Gospel is *universal*, but *participation* is limited to those who trust.

**Order of sequence** (not importance)

To really hear the Gospel is to be shaken to your core.



# ROMANS 1:17

the gospel

17 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.”

**Righteousness of God** – God's gift of righteousness by faith

**Habakkuk 2:4** – "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith."

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# HABAKKUK

WHEN THINGS DON'T MAKE SENSE

Habakkuk – ‘**embrace**’

Question: ‘Why do you allow corruption?’

**REPLY:** ‘I am bring the Babylonians!’

Question: ‘Won’t we all die?’

**REPLY:** ‘...the righteous will live by faith’

**Habakkuk 2:4**

# 'faith to faith'

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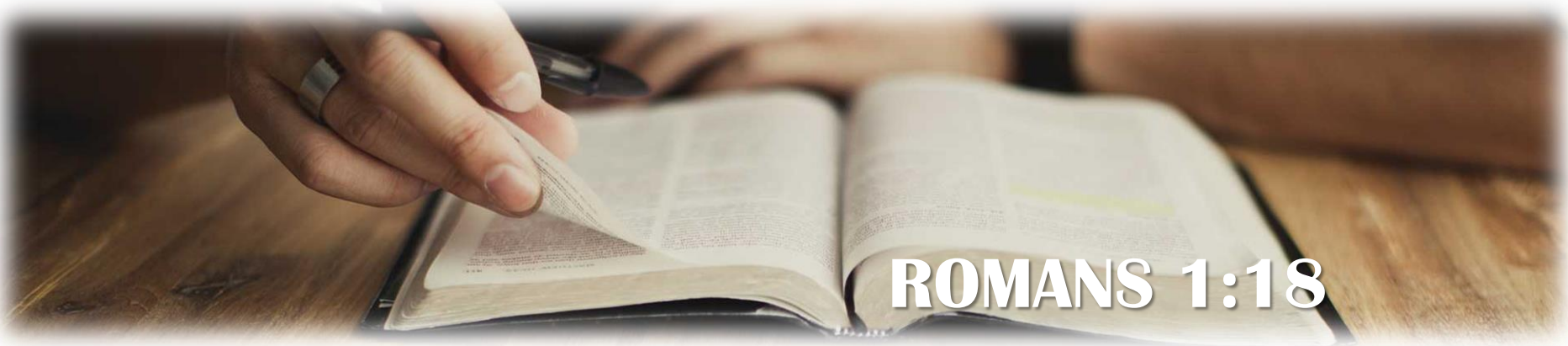
"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and **believe in the gospel.**"

**Mark 1:15**

"But now, apart from the Law, the **righteousness of God** has been revealed, as attested by the Law and the Prophets. 22 And this righteousness from God comes through **faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe."

**Romans 3:21-22**

See Galatians 2:16



# ROMANS 1:18

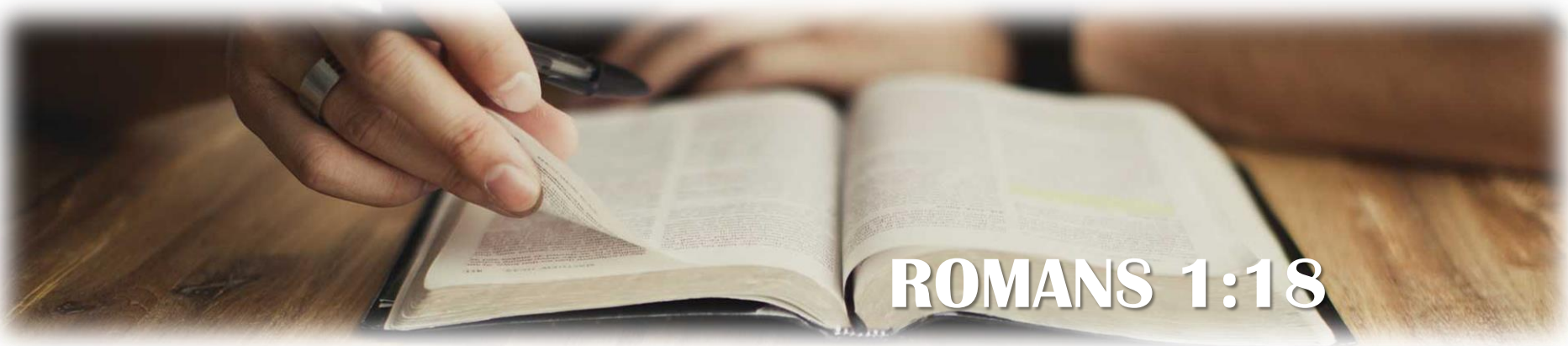
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UNDERSTANDING **SIN** IS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THE **GOOD** NEWS OF THE GOSPEL RESTS



**There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin.**





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## UNGODLINESS

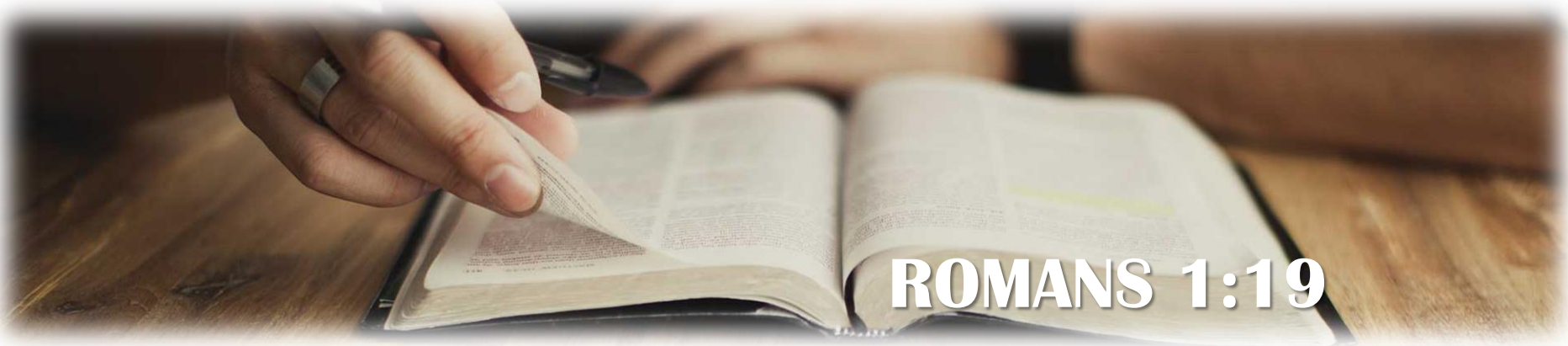
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**a**, no; and **sebés**, reverence, awe

Thus, *anti-God; no regard for His person or existence*

SUPPRESS 'to hold down' the truth





# ROMANS 1:19

19 **because** that which is known about God is **evident** within them; for God **made** it evident to them.

**Evident:** phaneros (phos)  
Meaning '**light**'

A visibility which brings accountability.





## ROMANS 1:20



**Acts 14:17**

...and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

20 **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**.



## A Brief Outline of the Book

1. Introduction: 1:1-19
2. The Revelation of the Righteousness of God: 1:18 – 8:39
  - a. The Condemnation of all, 1:18-3:20
  - b. The Justification of all who believe, 3:21 – 5:21
  - c. The Sanctification of those now saved, 6:1 – 8:39
3. The Vindication of the Righteousness of God: 9:1 – 11:36
  - a. The Election by God, 9:1 – 33
  - b. The Rejection of God, 10:1 – 21
  - c. The Restoration by God, 11:1 – 36
4. The Application of the Righteousness of God: 12:1 – 15:13
  - a. The Transformed Life, 12:1 – 13:14
  - b. Accepting one another, 14:1 – 15:13
5. Concluding Remarks: 15:14 – 16:27



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