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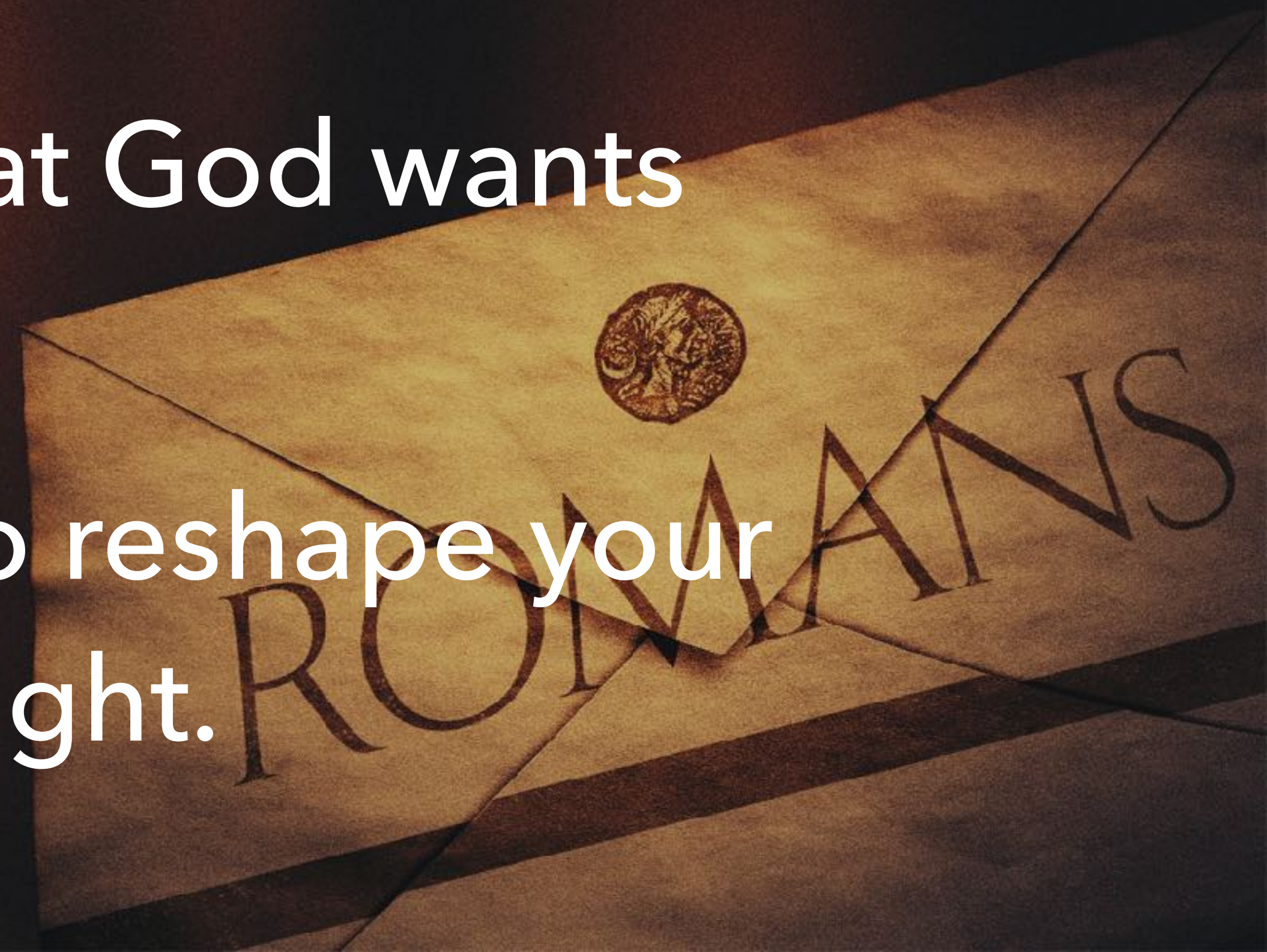
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# RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE

1. After Romans 1:18 our perception is challenged.

2. Every word of the bible is what God wants communicated.

3. Trust the bible and ask God to reshape your thoughts and emotions in its light.





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**CHAPTER 1:18-23**

**“I’M A FAKER”**

My favorite sport is archery.

# “I’M A FAKER”

No one who has been living a lie, likes being exposed. Ask the Wizard from Oz.  
We don’t live in a virtual world. In the story of the real world, we are not the heroes.

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**“FOR” – WHY DO WE NEED THE GOSPEL?**

**The Logical Connection of Verse 18**



ROMANS 1:18

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# 1. GOD'S ANGER REVEALED

**“UNTIL SIN BE BITTER,  
CHRIST WILL NOT BE SWEET.”**

**Dave Harvy**

**GOD IS THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT FACTOR  
IN ALL THINGS**

GOD'S ANGER IS NOT  
LIKE OURS

# IS BEING REVEALED

There is a future and *present* aspect.

Seen in the "handing over" 3xs in the rest of this chapter.

Those who have been saved from God's wrath currently live in a world experiencing God's wrath.

The rest of chapter 1 answers...

1. WHY IS IT BEING REVEALED?

2. HOW IS IT BEING REVEALED?

**AGAINST ALL**

**UNGODLINESS**

failure to acknowledge God as God and worthy of thanks and glory.

**AGAINST ALL**

**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

failure to live rightly towards God, one another, and ourselves.



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ROMANS 1:18B

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**2. OUR UNRIGHTEOUS TRUTH-  
SUPPRESSION TARGETED**

VERSES 19-20

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**WHAT TRUTH?**

**GOD!**

**OBJECTION: PEOPLE  
DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER.**

Q: How are people accountable to a God they have never heard of?

A: Everyone knows better, knowing truth and suppressing it?

**GOD!**

**THE INVISIBLE MADE VISIBLE**

**“PLAIN TO THEM”**

**INABILITY: NOT MENTAL, BUT MORAL**

# GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

ETERNAL POWER & DIVINE NATURE



# GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

THE INVISIBLE MADE VISIBLE

# IN WHAT HAS BEEN “MADE” (POEMA)

Pointing to purpose and design.  
also Ephesians 2:10

**THE FLAGELLUM IS A WHIP-LIKE ROTARY MOTOR THAT ENABLES A BACTERIUM TO NAVIGATE THROUGH ITS ENVIRONMENT. THE FLAGELLUM INCLUDES AN ACID-POWERED ROTARY ENGINE, A STATOR, O-RINGS, BUSHINGS, AND A DRIVESHAFT. THE INTRICATE MACHINERY OF THIS MOLECULAR MOTOR REQUIRES APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PROTEINS...**

**William Dembski,** "Science and Design," *First Things*, Oct. 1998, No. 86, p. 25.

**....YET THE ABSENCE OF ANY ONE OF THESE PROTEINS RESULTS IN THE COMPLETE LOSS OF MOTOR FUNCTION. THE IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY OF SUCH A BIOCHEMICAL SYSTEM CANNOT BE EXPLAINED BY THE DARWINIAN MECHANISM, NOR INDEED BY ANY NATURALISTIC EVOLUTIONARY MECHANISM PROPOSED TO DATE.**

**William Dembski,** "Science and Design," *First Things*, Oct. 1998, No. 86, p. 25.

**“BIOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF  
COMPLICATED THINGS THAT GIVE THE  
APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN  
DESIGNED FOR A PURPOSE.”**

**Darwinian, Richard Dawkins**

**“BIOLOGISTS MUST CONSTANTLY KEEP  
IN MIND THAT WHAT THEY SEE WAS NOT  
DESIGNED, BUT RATHER EVOLVED”**

**Francis Crick, the co-discoverer of DNA**

THIS NOT US VS. THEM...

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**DO YOU SUPPRESS THE TRUTH TOO?**

**WITHOUT EXCUSE**

**EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE**

Let us not point fingers at scientists or politicians...



SEXUALITY IS A KEY AREA IN CHAPTER 1, BUT IT'S POINTER TO MANY OTHER RESULTS OF THIS SUPPRESSION.

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**DO YOU SUPPRESS THE TRUTH TOO?**

## EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE

- ▶ Romans 3:9-10, "Both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, "there is none righteous, not even one.' "
- ▶ verse 13 adds, "Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving."

OFTER CHRISTIANS ARE ACCUSED OF BEING SELF-REPRESSIVE. WE FIND JUST THE OPPOSITE.

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**WE CANNOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT GOD FROM CREATION — HIS LOVE AND MERCY, FOR INSTANCE — BUT WE CAN, AND DO, DEDUCE THAT WHOEVER CREATED ALL THIS MUST BE A BEING OF UNIMAGINABLE GREATNESS. AND THEN WE SUPPRESS THAT TRUTH.**

**Tim Keller**

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IT IS NOT ACKNOWLEDGING THE CREATOR'S RIGHT TO BE RULER THAT IS REPRESSIVE; RATHER, IT IS THE SELF-SUPPRESSION OF LIVING IN DENIAL OF THAT TRUTH.

Tim Keller

VERSES 21-22

**KEY IDEA:** THE TRUTH BEING SUPPRESSED IS...

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**GOD'S WORTHINESS OF GLORY AND  
GRATITUDE FROM US**

**IS GOD NEEDY?**

**IS HE ANGRY AT BAD MANNERS?**

**...FORGETTING TO SAY "THANK YOU"**

**NO.**

**WE ARE PLAGIARISTS**

Claiming ownership, and independence, ultimate self-determination. Unaccepting of what God has done around us.

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**“PLAIN TO THEM”**

**INABILITY: NOT MENTAL, BUT MORAL**

**GOD: KNOWN & DISHONORED  
BY ALL PEOPLE**

ROMANS 1:20B-23

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# **3. SHOOTING THE LIGHTS OUT IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

**10) AND WITH ALL WICKED DECEPTION  
FOR THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING,  
BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE  
TRUTH AND SO BE SAVED.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (ESV)**

**11) THEREFORE GOD SENDS THEM A  
STRONG DELUSION, SO THAT THEY MAY  
BELIEVE WHAT IS FALSE,**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (ESV)**

**12) IN ORDER THAT ALL MAY BE  
CONDEMNED WHO DID NOT BELIEVE THE  
TRUTH BUT HAD PLEASURE IN  
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (ESV)**

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**19) AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT: THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND PEOPLE LOVED THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL.**

**John 3:19–21 (ESV)**



**20) FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES WICKED THINGS HATES THE LIGHT AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS WORKS SHOULD BE EXPOSED.**

**John 3:19–21 (ESV)**

**21) BUT WHOEVER DOES WHAT IS TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT IT MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT HIS WORKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN GOD.”**

**John 3:19–21 (ESV)**

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**SITTING ON A  
BOUNCING BOX**

**Consider the two revelations**

**1. THE WRATH OF GOD**

**2. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

**Both seen most clearly at the cross of Christ.**

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**CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF  
THE LAW BY BECOMING A CURSE FOR US  
—FOR IT IS WRITTEN, “CURSED IS  
EVERYONE WHO IS HANGED ON A TREE”—**

**Galatians 3:13 (ESV)**

WE NEED...

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**GOD TO RESCUE US FROM HIMSELF**

**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN THE SON HAS  
ETERNAL LIFE; WHOEVER DOES NOT OBEY  
THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE, BUT THE  
WRATH OF GOD REMAINS ON HIM.**

**John 3:36 (ESV)**



**Consider the two choices.**

**1. ARE YOU UNDER THE WRATH OF GOD TODAY?**

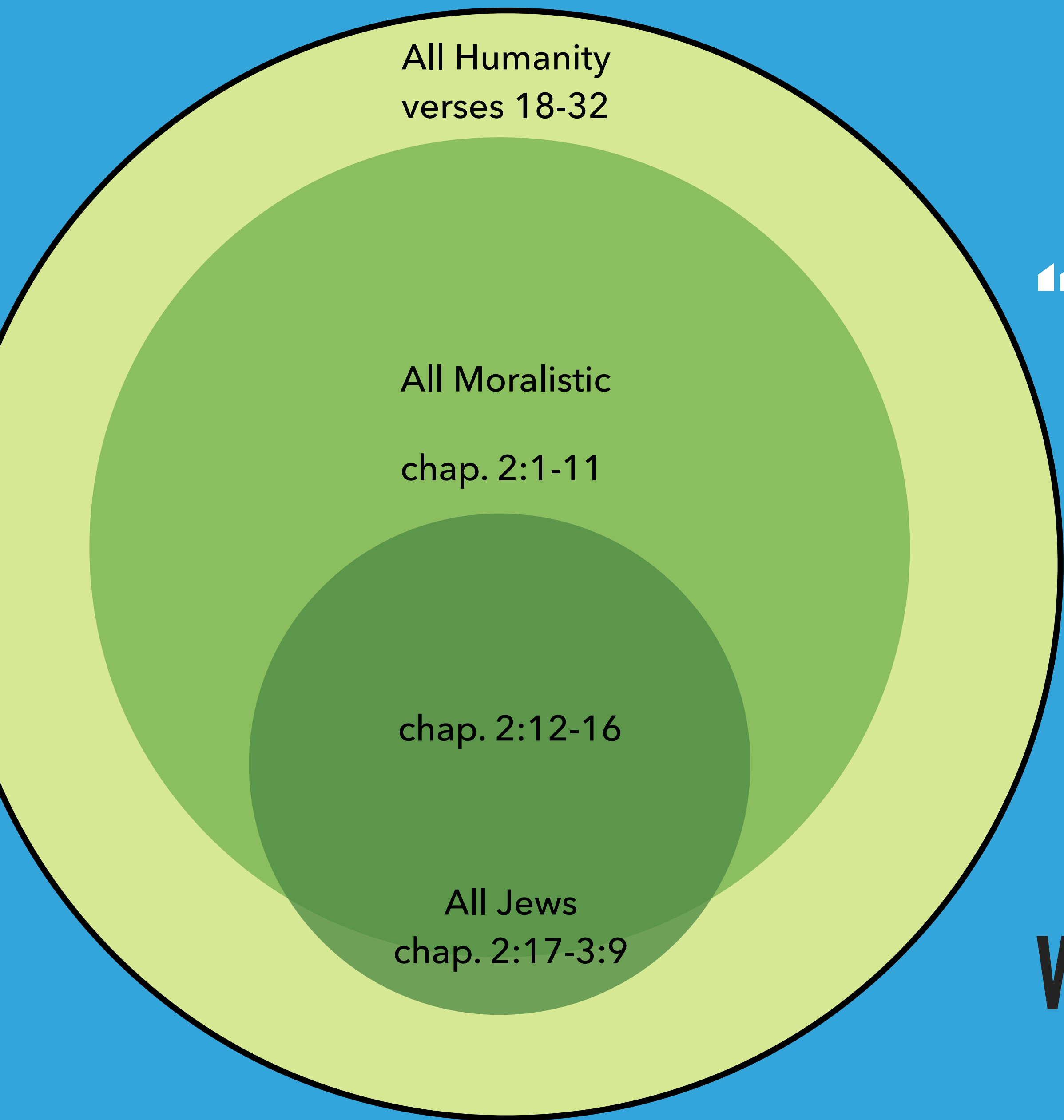
**2. OR DO YOU CLING TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS  
OF GOD WHICH HAS BEEN REVEALED TO YOU?**

**Turn from your sin and trust in Jesus, the savior.**

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**TAKE A MOMENT TO CONSIDER**



“OF MEN”

Who?