

## **“Read the Gospel With Me”**

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### **Introduction: Why read the Gospel? Read Romans 1:16-17**

- a. It reveals God’s power to save us from our sins, v 16.
- b. It reveals God’s righteousness which we need to get to Heaven, v 17  
POINT: Here is real hope for a world in trouble!

### **First: What is the Problem? Read Romans 1:18-25. *God is angry.***

- a. Because we are unrighteous & ungodly. Read v 18; **3:9-12; 18-20**.
- b. Because we suppress His truth revealed in nature, v 18-20.
- c. In our sin we deny God His rightful place in our lives, v 21.
- d. We re-invent God into a “god” we can live with v 23, 25.
- e. We also become hypocrites, 2:1-2.

RESULT: ***God is justly angry with us and we are corrupted and condemned by our sins.*** [If time, read 1:26-32].

### **Second: What is the Solution? Read 3:21-25a**

- a. God provides the divine source of righteousness we need, 3:21.
- b. Sinners can never earn such righteousness, 3:23-24. It must be a gift.
- c. God “justifies” or “declares righteous” all who get covered by the “redemption” created by Jesus Christ, 3:24.
- d. Jesus died on the cross to atone for our sins and thereby to satisfy the just wrath of God, 3:25a. [That is the idea of “propitiation.”]
- e. Read **Romans 5:6-11** for more info.

### **Third: What is our part?**

- a. Admit your own sin and guilt. We deserve God’s wrath, 1:18ff
- b. Put your life into Jesus’ care by trust or faith. Read **3:22-26**.
- c. Faith is defined in 3:27ff as no longer trusting in our own “goodness” but trusting in what Jesus has accomplished on the cross for sinners.
- d. ***It is not just agreeing to certain religious concepts but yielding one’s life to the will of God and following Christ.*** Faith that is real and “saving” is illustrated by Abraham in Romans 4:1-5.
- e. The blessings of real faith in Christ are revealed in **Romans 5:1-2ff**.

**Conclusion:** Are you willing to trust this Lord Jesus? For further info read the Gospel of John. Contact us at [www.lsopc.org](http://www.lsopc.org).