

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness." Ps. 103:8

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and every one who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." Rom. 12:10

"Jesus answered, 'The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God will all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12:29-30

### 1. GOD'S STANDARD. Vs. 18

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."

"Then the Lord...proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." Exo. 34:6-7

"Surely you wouldn't do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked...Surely you wouldn't do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" Gen. 18:25 (NLT)

"...ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He." Deut. 32:3-4

"But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the Lord." Jer. 9:24 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." vs. 18

Ungodliness: Lacking reverence for God. Not giving Him first place.

Unrighteousness: Not doing the right thing either by action, by word or by thought.

Suppression of the truth: To resist, deny, distort or hide reality.



### 2. GOD'S REVELATION. Vs. 19-20

"Because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 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."

### 3. GOD'S *PATIENCE*. Vs. 21-23

"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures."

"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." Rom. 2:4-5

### A. <u>Ungodliness</u>.

"For even thought they knew God, they did not honor Him as God..."

B. Ingratitude.

"...or give thanks..."

#### C. Arrogant foolishness.

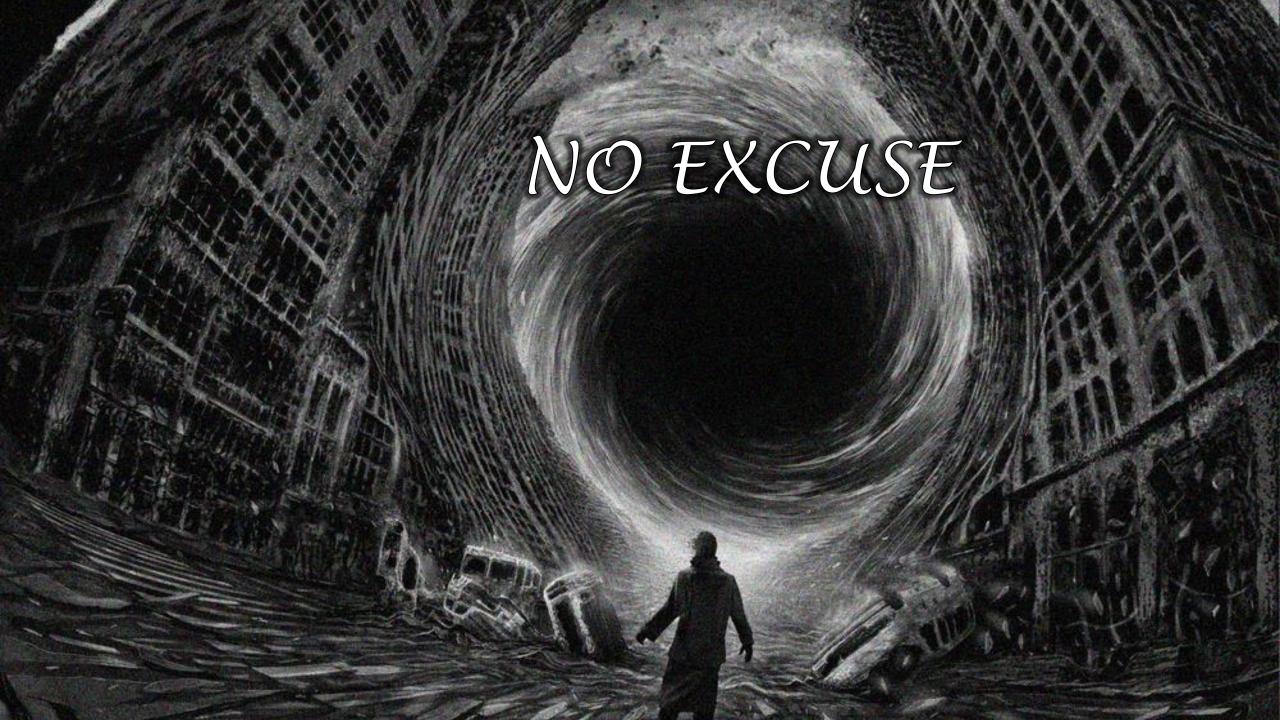
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### D. False *Religion*.

"And exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures."

#### **APPLICATION FOR ME:**

"For they themselves report about us what kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come." 1 Thess. 1:9-10



### Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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## Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!

### I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

# 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

## How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
my God, my Savior
has ransomed me.

# And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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### The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God,
Who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

