



How a Life Crumbles

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

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. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

How a Life Crumbles:

Romans 1:18-20 (NIV)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ 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.

I. Suppress the truth.

- Suppression is not the same as ignorance.
- Suppression says I know but I don’t want to know! (Romans 1:20)
- Man’s problem with God is not so much about intellect but about idols.

Reasons for the Existence of God:

1. Creation screams creator. (Psalm 19:1)
2. Design screams designer.
3. Our feelings scream a moral law-giver.

- In what area am I suppressing truth?

2. Truth suppressed always increases personal darkness.

- Our lives begin to crumble when we fail to recognize the present reality of the “wrath of God”. (Romans 1:18; Romans 1:21-23)
- Truth suppressed “dims” God’s wisdom in my life. (Romans 1:24-28)
- Truth suppressed “dims” God’s restraining power in my life. (1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Romans 1:29-32)

3. Truth suppressed keeps us choosing binoculars and not mirrors.

Romans 2:1 (NIV)

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.

- Binoculars cause us to forfeit grace while the mirror allows us to receive grace.