

## God's eternal plan

**1 Col. 1:27**, *God [in His eternal plan] chose to make known to them how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, **which is Christ in and among you**, the hope and guarantee of [realizing the] glory.*

## The Promised One

**Luke 2:10-11**, *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

## The Deity of Jesus

There were three things that marked the deity of Jesus:

1. Power. This refers to the miracles. These were a sign that he was a man of God, a man fully indwelt and possessed by God.
2. The Spirit of holiness. When Jesus came, he was a whole person, a complete person. He demonstrated what humanity as it was intended to be. The good news is that we too could be whole and complete in God's eyes.
3. He resurrected from the dead and on this our faith rests.

## **Called out, V6 & 7**

*And **you** also are among those Gentiles **who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.***

*<sup>7</sup> To **all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:***

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

***John 6:37.**“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away”,*

## **The Gospel, V16-17**

*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. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed— a righteousness that is by*

*faith from first to last,<sup>[a]</sup> just as it is written: “**The righteous will live by faith.**”<sup>[b]</sup>*

## **Romans 1: 18-20 God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity**

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## Moses , Psalm 90: 9-10,

*All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.<sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

## Trigger

“ suppress the truth by their wickedness”

## Truth Suppressed

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## *God’s greatness suppressed*

### *Examples*

- Resurrection of Jesus***
- Genderless***

## **God is Great, Job 9:4-10**

His wisdom is profound, his power is vast.

Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?

<sup>5</sup> He moves mountains without their knowing it  
and overturns them in his anger.

<sup>6</sup> He shakes the earth from its place  
and makes its pillars tremble.

<sup>7</sup> He speaks to the sun and it does not shine;  
he seals off the light of the stars.

<sup>8</sup> He alone stretches out the heavens  
and treads on the waves of the sea.

<sup>9</sup> He is the Maker of the Bear<sup>[a]</sup> and Orion,  
the Pleiades and the constellations of the south.

<sup>10</sup> He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed,  
miracles that cannot be counted.