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1. Evil Causes a Weakening of the Truth

Romans 1:18-20

*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.*

2. Evil Leads Us to Worship Other Gods

Romans 1: 21-23

*For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God **for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.***

3. Evil Causes Us to Go the Wrong Way

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Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

4. Evil Encourages Us to Wallow in Our Sin

Romans 1: 28-32

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

4. Evil Encourages Us to Wallow in Our Sin

Romans 1: 28-32

30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them

The reason that the righteousness of God is being revealed is that the wrath of God is coming against evil and sinfulness. Since the wrath of God rests on humanity by nature, we cannot save ourselves. Apart from faith in Jesus, there is no way that we may have a status of righteousness before God. The reality of God's wrath and His holiness makes the gospel necessary. **The gospel of salvation by faith in Christ alone is the only deliverance from our evil and sinfulness.**