

My Soul Thirsts For God, For The Living God
Romans 1:16-25

We are born spiritually dead, that is why one must be born again. Being dead means to be separated from someone or something. Adam's sin separated him and all his descendants from God. This separation left us with longings that we cannot satiate apart from God. But oh how we try. Without Christ we all are on a blindfolded quest for an identity, a sense of purpose and experiences in order to feel alive. This universal condition of man is what Paul is describing in Romans 1.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as **sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin**, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Ephesians 2:1 And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins**

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were **dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

Romans 6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of **sin, which leads to death**, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Psalms 42:1-2a As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, **O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

Genesis 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman **saw that the tree was good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “**I am** the way, and **the truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**”

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel, for it is the power of God** for salvation to **everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For in it the **righteousness of God is revealed** from faith for faith, as it is written, “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”

Romans 1:18 For the **wrath of God is revealed from heaven** against **all ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who **by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.**

Romans 1:19 For what **can be known about God is plain to them**, because **God has shown it to them.**

Romans 1:20 For his **invisible attributes**, namely, **his eternal power** and **divine nature**, have been **clearly perceived**, ever since the **creation of the world**, in the **things that have been made**. So they are without excuse.

Psalms 8:3 **When I look at your heavens**, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Psalms 8:4 **what is man that you are mindful of him**, and the son of man that you care for him?

Psalms 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God**, and **the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Psalms 19:2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” **Robert Jastrow**

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that **the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.**

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not **honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became **futile in their thinking**, and their **foolish hearts were darkened.**

Romans 1:22 **Claiming to be wise, they became fools,**

Romans 1:23 and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.**

Romans 1:24 Therefore **God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies** among themselves,

Romans 1:25 because **they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature** rather than the **Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Jeremiah 10:5 Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and **they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.”**

John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.”**

Isaiah 40:25 **To whom then will you compare me**, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: **who created these?** He who brings out their host by number, **calling them all by name**, by the greatness of his might, and **because he is strong in power not one is missing.**

Isaiah 40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, **“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?**

Isaiah 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, **the Creator of the ends of the earth.** He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Isaiah 40:29 **He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.**

Isaiah 40:30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

Isaiah 40:31 but **they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;** they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **“I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.**