

A person stands on a log in a forest at sunset, with mountains in the background. The sky is filled with colorful clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The person is looking out over a valley with a river and more mountains in the distance.

# Without Excuse!

*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.'*

A photograph of Professor Richard Dawkins, an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and light-colored tie. He is looking down and to the right, with his right hand raised to his forehead in a thoughtful or contemplative gesture. The background is dark.

*What evidence?*

**Professor Richard Dawkins**  
Evolutionary Biologist, Atheist

# Without Righteousness: Why is God Angry?

- The Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Man
  - Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness <sup>G763</sup> and unrighteousness <sup>G93</sup> of men, who hold <sup>G2722</sup> the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
    - **Ungodliness**: G763 – lack of reverence for God, for failing to worship and honor God as He deserves. (vertical relationship with God)
    - **Unrighteousness** G93 - moral wrongs and unjust actions that violate ethical principles. (horizontal relationship with each other)
    - **Hold** G2722 - Their actions they suppress the truth they know exists

Be not  
**Ashamed!**

# Without Light: Suppressing the Truth

- God Severed off the Darkness from the Light
  - Genesis 1:4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated<sup>H914</sup> the light from the darkness.<sup>H2823</sup>
    - Separated H914 distinction, divide, sever (off)
    - Darkness H2823 figuratively misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.
    - Darkness H2821 withholding the light
  - Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth
    - Darkness – withholding the light
    - Suppress the truth = withholding the light
    - Job 38:2 'Who is this that darkens council by words without knowledge'

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# Without God: This is the Result

## • Changed God: Remove the Rule Maker

- Romans 1:23 And changed <sup>G236</sup> the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things
- *Changed: G236 – To Make Different, Change from one form to another (exchange)*

## • Changed Truth: Remove the Rules

- Romans 1:25 Who changed <sup>G3337</sup> the truth of God into a lie, and (they) worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- *Changed: G3337 - profound change, exchanging one form of behavior/belief for another.*

## • Changed Morality: Remove the Guilt

- Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change <sup>3337</sup> the natural use into that which is against nature:

# Standing Apart: We must be different

- Do we stand separate from this world's ideology?
  - Romans 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.
  - Rom 2:3 But you, my friend, do those very things for which you pass judgment on others! Do you think you will escape God's judgment?
- There are 2 types of responses to this
  - People who seek good; 2:7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality...
  - People who seek evil: 2:8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

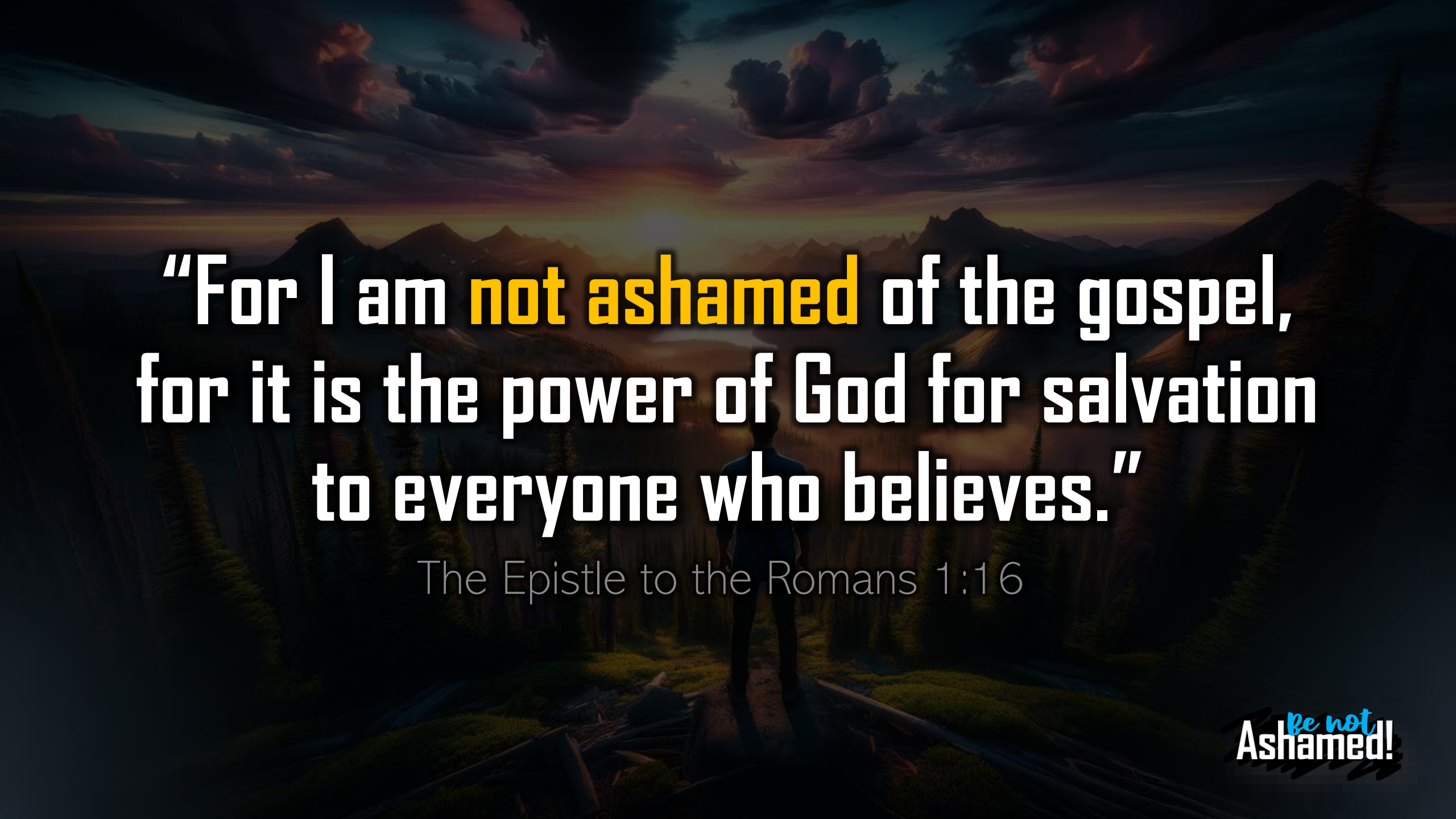
# Without The World: Vessels of Mercy

- Gods plan is to show his mercy, and his justice
  - Romans 9:22-23 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory
- Are we Vessels of Wrath or Mercy?
  - 1Th 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ Who died for us so we are without excuse.

# Divine Imperative: Manifesting The Light

- Being Made in the Image and Likeness of God
  - Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image<sup>H6754</sup>, after our likeness<sup>H1823</sup>
    - צֶלֶם H6754 tselem - form, function or role (given dominion)
    - דְמוּת H1823 demut - attributes or characteristics. (ability to reason)
- Our Role is to Represent the Divine Attributes
  - For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



A person stands on a wooden bridge, looking out over a vast mountain range at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and blue. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

“For I am **not ashamed** of the gospel,  
for it is the power of God for salvation  
to everyone who believes.”

The Epistle to the Romans 1:16

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