

<sup>1.1</sup> This is Paul, a slave to Christ Jesus, called an apostle, set apart for the Creator's Gospel. <sup>2</sup> The Gospel was announced before by his prophets in the holy writings. <sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son who was born from the seed of David according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> He was appointed the Creator's Son in power according to the Holy Spirit from the resurrection of the dead, Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>5</sup> Through him we have received generosity and apostleship for the obedience of faith among all the ethnic-groups on behalf of his name. <sup>6</sup> You are among them and you are the called-ones of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> To all those who are loved by the Creator in Rome, called saints, generosity and peace to you from our Creator Father and the Lord Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> First of all, I thank my Creator through Christ Jesus for all of you because your faith is proclaimed in all the cosmos. <sup>9</sup> For the Creator is my witness, I serve him in my spirit and in the Gospel of his Son as I continually remember you. <sup>10</sup> I always beg in my prayers if perhaps now at last I might successfully come to you through the Creator's will <sup>11</sup> For I desire to see you to impart some spiritual gift to you in order to strengthen your foundation. <sup>12</sup> This is so that through the faith of each other, both yours and mine, we might mutually help each other while I am with you. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that I often intended to come to you and was prevented until now. I wanted to also have some fruit among you, just as among the rest of the ethnic-groups. <sup>14</sup> To both Greeks and barbarians, to both the wise and foolish, I am a debtor. <sup>15</sup> Thus I am eager to announce the Gospel to you in Rome.

<sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the Creator's power for salvation to everyone who is faithful. First to the Judean and then the Greek. <sup>17</sup> The Creator's righteousness is being revealed in the Gospel from faithfulness to faithfulness. Just as it is written in Habakkuk 2, "*The righteous will live from faithfulness.*" <sup>18</sup> For the Creator's anger is being revealed from heaven upon all the irreverence and unrighteousness of humans who are suppressing the truth with unrighteousness. <sup>19</sup> Because what is known of the Creator is apparent among them for the Creator has made it apparent to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible, eternal, and creative power are being clearly seen and understood from the creation of the cosmos by the things made. So humans are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> Because humans knew the Creator, yet they did not glorify him or give him thanks as Creator. They became foolish in their thinking and their senseless hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they were fools. <sup>23</sup> They remade the glory of the immortal Creator into an image resembling mortal man—or even birds, animals, and reptiles. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, the Creator gave them over to the lusts of their hearts—to luxurious living to degrade their bodies among themselves. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the Creator's truth for falsehood and gave their reverence and allegiance to the creation rather than the Creator who is blessed forever, amen! <sup>26</sup> Because of this the Creator gave them over to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural uses for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> Likewise the men abandoned the natural use of the woman, burning in their desire for each other. Men doing disgusting things with men, receiving the necessary consequences among themselves of their wandering. <sup>28</sup> And just as they did not consider the Creator in their knowledge, the Creator gave them over to an inconsiderate

mind, to do what is not appropriate. <sup>29</sup> They are filled with every unrighteousness, evil, desire for more, wickedness, overflowing with envy, killing, conflict, deception, bad character, gossips, <sup>30</sup> verbal abusers, haters of the Creator, arrogant, competitive, empty speakers, inventors of evil, defiant to parents, <sup>31</sup> refusing to understand others, not following through, lacking sympathy, and merciless. <sup>32</sup> They are fully aware of the Creator's righteousness that those who practice these things have brought death upon themselves. Yet they are not only doing these things, but are approving those who practice these things.

<sup>2.1</sup> Therefore, every one of you who judges is without excuse. Whenever you judge another person you are condemning yourself, for you are practicing the very things you are judging. <sup>2</sup> We know that the Creator's judgment is according to truth against those who are practicing these things. <sup>3</sup> You, who judge those who practice these things while you also do them, you think that you will escape the Creator's judgment. <sup>4</sup> You despise the wealth of his kindness, toleration, and patience because you do not know that the Creator's kindness leads you to repentance. <sup>5</sup> But according to your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up anger for yourself on the Day of anger and the revealing of the Creator's judgment of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> He will repay each person according to his works. <sup>7</sup> He will give eternal life to those who, according to the endurance of good work, seek glory, honor, and immortality. <sup>8</sup> But he will give anger and passion to those who selfishly are disobeying the truth and walking in unrighteousness. <sup>9</sup> There is oppression and distress for every human ego that is working evil—first for the Judean then the Greek. <sup>10</sup> But there is glory, honor, and peace for everyone who is working good—first for the Judean then the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there are no double-standards with the Creator. <sup>12</sup> For as many that sin lawlessly, they will be destroyed lawlessly. And as many sin in the law, they will be judged through the law. <sup>13</sup> For it is not those who listen to law which are living in righteousness according to the Creator, but those who practice the law that will be made righteous. <sup>14</sup> For whenever the ethnic-groups, who do not have the law, are doing the things that are by nature of the law, they are a law to themselves. <sup>15</sup> These show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences are guiding them and their thoughts between each other are accusing or defending them. <sup>16</sup> There is a day when the Creator judges the hidden things of humans according to my Gospel through Christ Jesus.