

Be an Ambassador of Hope!

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Psalm 14

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The Fool's Approach to God

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- Declare or live as if “No God”
- Questions:
 - How does anyone know there is a God? Rom 1:18-20
 - If revelation of God is so clear, why would any sane person reject it?
- The Gospel is offensive because it declares that we are ALL helpless and only God can save us.

God's Observations on the Fool

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- This passage reflects on Gen 11 where man rejected Gen 9:1
- Rom 3:10-12 quotes Psalm 14 - idea repeated 3x Psa 14; Psa 53: Rom 3
- No one understands spiritual things w/o God's Spirit 1 Cor 2:14
- We all desperately needs God's mercy because Jer 17:9

Reality of a Fallen World

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- The wicked acts w/o knowledge... as if there was no God
- Instead of God's wisdom they claim to be wise Rom 1:21-22
- Wickedness results when we life for self rather than God: Hitler, Stalin, etc...
- Reality – they are all in great terror (though they act bold)

Our Hope in God's Deliverance

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- So how do we respond when we encounter wickedness in this fallen world?
- Our HOPE is found in God's salvation... a sure hope
- Wonder & Amazement of the Gospel: Gal 4:4-5 God's wonderful plan
- First Advent: John 1:9-14 Christ was sent to redeem His own!
- Contrast that HOPE (reality) with the foolishness of the world 1 Cor 1:18-31
 - Remember God's wisdom (His Plan) is always greater
 - God's plan looks like foolishness to the world
 - God uses us (the weak, the humble) to proclaim His Gospel!
- Will you be God's Ambassador of HOPE to the World with God's Good News?

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