Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Biblical Sexuality
Romans 1

God designed sexuality to relate to the Gospel.

1. The Gospel of God is Rooted in the Human/Divine Person of Jesus Christ, our Lord (vv 1-4).
   a. Demonstrated in Paul’s life (v 1)
   b. Promised by God in the O.T. (v 2)
   c. Found in Jesus Christ (vv 3-4)

2. The Gospel of God Brings about the Obedience of Faith (vv 5-6).
   a. For the sake of Jesus’ name (v 5b)
   b. For everyone
      i. among the nations (v 5b)
      ii. including you (v 6)

   a. To strengthen the lives of others (vv 11-12)
   b. To reap a harvest (v 13)

   a. It is the power of God for salvation/deliverance (v 16).
   b. In it the righteousness of God is revealed (v 17).
   c. In it we live from saving faith to sanctifying faith (v 17b).

   a. The fact judgment comes (vv 18-20)
   b. The actions unrighteous mankind demonstrates:
      i. dishonor (v 21)
      ii. thanklessness (v 21b)
      iii. worthless thinking (v 21c)
      iv. unintelligible, without insight (v. 21d)
      v. false claims (v 22)
      vi. de-glorifying the immortal God (v 23)
   c. The reason God gives them up:
      i. to pursue impure lusts (v 24a)
      ii. to dishonor their own bodies (v 24b)
         - exchanging the truth about God for a lie
         - serving the creature rather than the Creator
      iii. to pursue dishonorable passions (vv 26-27)
      iv. to a debased mind (vv 28-32)

For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God’s powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile. For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in His sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as it is written, “But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust” (Rm. 1:16-17 CJB).