

Week 2

Teaching—Romans 1:18-32

Verses 18-19

- **Why is God’s wrath revealed?** Wrath revealed against ALL ungodliness & unrighteousness of men – who SUPPRESS the TRUTH in unrighteousness.
- **What is obvious and why?** **Everything** that can be known of God because God has revealed it.

Verses 20-23

- **How has God revealed Himself?** Through His Creation...being understood by the things that are made.
- **What is clearly seen & from when?** God’s invisible attributes—even His eternal power and Godhead are clearly seen from the beginning of creation. (Psalm 19:1-6, Job 38 and 39)
- **What is the progression outline in verses 21-23?**
 - People knew God, but
 - Did not Glorify Him as God
 - Were not thankful
 - The result:
 - Became futile in their thoughts
 - Foolish hearts were darkened
 - Professing Wisdom, they became Fools
 - Changed the Incorruptible for the Corruptible—worshipping images (they created)
- **What do you find significant about this progression?**
 - When we deliberately choose to forget God as Creator and ignore all that creation reveals about God’s character, we exchange ALL God’s truths for a lie. It results in us “worshipping” or giving credence to anything and everything that is so much less that it’s incomparable.
 - Our thinking and ability to reason is seriously compromised.
 - Our understanding of life is diminished, i.e. darkened.

Verses 24-28

- **What did God give them “over” to and why? (3 things)**
 - Vs 24: Uncleanliness, in the lust of their hearts.
 - Why?
 - They exchanged His truths for lies
 - They worshipped and served creation
 - Vs 26: Vile Passions: exchanging the natural sexual relations for those that are unnatural.
 - Vs 28: Debased Mind
 - Why:

- B/C they didn't "like" to retain God in their knowledge
- Result: Actions/Characteristics in verses 29-31 are the result of "leaving God behind."

Verses 29-31

- Carefully consider & pray about this list:
 - Filled with:
 - All unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness
 - Envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness
 - They ARE
 - Backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, intentors of evil things, disobedient to parents
 - Undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful
- What on this list is common in our society? (Examples)
 - What should be our response? (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Are any of these a part of your life?
 - What should be your response? (Psalm 51)

Verse 32

- Who is facing God's righteous judgement?
 - Those who Practice these things
 - Those who Approve of the Practice of them.

In light of our current society, its social mores, and destruction—what should be the believer's response?

What was Paul's answer to the mindless decadent living in Rome? The GOSPEL!!!!

Romans Road of Salvation – in Depth

Paul's writing to the Romans gives them an in-depth understanding of the Gospel of Christ. It can be outlined with several key verses. The following verses will give a comprehensive overview of the Gospel.

Look up the following verses and write out what you discover.

Our Problem:

- Romans 1:18-19 God's Wrath is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness - Judgment
- Romans 3:10, 3:23 & 6:23A
 - There's No One Righteous
 - All have sinned a fall short of God's Glory
 - The wages of Sin is Death

God's Solution:

- Romans 6:34B
 - The Gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
- How does this happen? Romans 5:6-8
 - Christ Died for the ungodly
 - God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us

How do we receive this gift?

- Romans 10:9-10, 13
 - If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. For whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame
 - Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved

Results of Salvation:

- Romans 5:1-2, 9, 11
 - We have peace with God through Jesus Christ
 - Through Him we have access by faith into the grace in which we stand
 - We rejoice in hope of the glory of God
 - We've been justified by His blood and saved from God's wrath
 - We have received reconciliation
- Romans 6:23B
 - The gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus
- Romans 8:1
 - There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk according to the Spirit
- Romans 15:13

- The God of hope may fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Living for Him

- Romans 12:1-2
 - Present my body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God ,which is my reasonable service
 - Be transformed by the renewing of my mind in order to prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- Romans 13:14
 - Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make NO provision for the flesh.

Assignment:

All Judged: Romans 2: 1-16

Read: Romans 2:1-11

The type of judgment found in these verse is to judge with condemnation. The context is God's wrathful judgment which is death—eternal condemnation. (Romans 1:32)

1. What is the problem with our judgment of others in verses 1 & 3?
 - a. Review the List of Practices in verses 29-31 of Chapter 1 and write down any of which you are guilty. Do not just dismiss this. Ask the Lord to reveal your heart. If you do not know or are unsure of what something is, look up its definition.
 - b. Think of someone who really BUGS you? What is it about their behavior that “grinds” at you? Ask the Lord if this same behavior/attitude is an issue in your life. Confess and forgive. (1 John 1:9 and Matthew 6:12)
 - c. What does Jesus say about our judgment of others in Matthew 7:1-5)
2. According to verse 2, How does God judge? Against whom does God Judge?
3. What is the verb used to describe the person's response to God in verse 4?
 - a. What does it mean to do this in context of the verse?
 - b. What characteristics of God are seen in this verse and to what do they lead?
 - c. How do you respond to God's kindness?
4. Describe the person in Verse 5. What is the outcome for this individual?
5. According to verses 6-11.
 - a. How will God judge (vs 6)
 - b. Make two Columns: Eternal Life Vs. Tribulation & Anguish. Fill each column with the information in verses 7-10.
 - c. How does God differentiate between Jew and Greek (gentile), verse 11?

Read Romans 2:12-16

Enter the Law...

6. Write down everything you discover about the law in these verses.
 - a. Delineate between “Those *without* the Law” and “Those *in* the Law.”

- b. What can our thoughts do according to verse 15?
 - c. What will judge in verse 16?
7. Summarize what you have learned about how and whom God will judge from these verses. (1-16)
 8. What is God's desire for all people, both Jews and Greeks? (verse 4)