

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 2 (Romans 1:18-32)

A-A-A Method of Bible Study for the book of Romans (and for personal bible study).

- **A-Analyze:**
- Analyze: What do you see in the text (key words, repetitive phrases, what jumps out at you?)
- **A-Attain (Attain means to grasp something)**
- Attain: What does it mean? What is the author trying to say?
- **A-Apply**
- Apply: What can I take from the verse and use in my relationship with God?

Review: Section #1: Romans 1:1-7 (Paul's Greeting)

- In verse 1, Paul calls himself two things, what are they?
- **Bondsman and apostle**
- A bondsman is a term that is equal to a **slave**.
- An apostle is a person that has been called by God to do a **specific** assignment.
- In verse 5, Paul declares that through Christ, "we" have received two things, what are they?
- **Grace and apostleship**
- Grace means **unmerited** favor. Apostleship here our right to do ministry in the name of the Lord.
- In verse 7, Paul shares who he is writing the letter to. What name does he give all of the people?
- Saints
- A saint is not something that you work toward! A saint is what you already are, but now we must live up to the way God already sees us!

Review: Section #2: Romans 1:8-15 (Paul's Desire to Visit Rome)

- Paul writes this section to let the Christians in Rome know how he:
 - 1. Thanks God for the faith of the Romans which is known throughout the world (vs. 8)
 - 2. Constantly prays for the Christians in Rome (vs. 9)
 - 3. Desperately wants to come to Rome to fellowship with them and preach the gospel (vs. 10-13).
 - 4. Has been called to preach the gospel to everyone regardless of status (vs. 14-15).

Review: Section #3: Romans 1:16-17 (Paul and faith)

- In verse 16, Paul says that he is not ashamed of what? Why?
- **The gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **The gospel is the POWER of God for salvation!**
- In verse 16, Paul says salvation is for everyone who does what?
- **Believes!**
- In verse 17, Paul cites an Old Testament verse that the "just" shall live by what?
- **The just shall live by FAITH!**
- **Key concept: Our position and righteousness with God is not based on what we do, BUT IN WHO AND WHAT WE BELIEVE! I'M NOT WORKING TO GET IT, BECAUSE I BELIEVE, I ALREADY HAVE IT!**

Today's Lesson: Romans 1:18-32

- Group Discussion (Romans 1:18-23)
- 1. In verse 18, Paul says that God reveals a part of His nature as a result of ungodliness and unrighteousness. What does God reveal about His nature and WHERE does God reveal it?

- 2. In verse 20, Paul states that God's invisible _____ are clearly seen in the world so that men are without _____.
- 3. In verse 23, Paul says that man has changed God's incorruption into an image made like what? _____

Key Points about God's Nature in Romans 1:

- God is _____, meaning his love for us and His wrath against sin ARE THE SAME.
- Because God is HOLY, RIGHTEOUS and JUST, He has the RIGHT to deal with SIN, UNGODLINESS, UNHOLINESS and UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, as He _____.

Romans 1:18-23 (Summary)

- 1. God's wrath is displayed when people _____ the truth to remain unrighteous! (vs. 18)
- 2. NO ONE can deny the existence of God, because God has made Himself known to _____ (creation and moral law). (vs. 19-20)
- 3. People's hearts became darkened as they "acknowledged" God, but didn't glorify Him and instead began to worship man-made _____ rather than God (vs. 21-23).

What does God do to people who continually refuse to acknowledge Him for who He is and want to live an unrighteous life? (vs. 24-27)

- **1. God GAVE THEM _____ to allow them to live as they please. (vs. 24). Why?**
 - a. Because they exchanged the truth for a _____
 - b. Because they worship the _____ more than the CREATOR. (vs. 25).
- WHEN MEN CHOOSE TO CONSISTENTLY DENY GOD, GOD WILL _____ THEM!
- **2. God gave them over to their _____ passions (vs. 26).**
 - A. Women with _____
 - B. Men with _____
- They will receive the _____ which is due to them (vs. 27).
- **3. God gave them over to a _____ mind. (vs. 28)**
- The word _____ means, "not fitting" or "not passing the test."
- **Key Point: A _____ mind leads to a life of unrighteousness. (vs. 29-31)**

The "kicker" verse 32:

- The people Paul describes in the previous verses are people who _____ about God's judgment, but still do it anyway!
- This is _____ rebellion against God's will!
- Not only do they do it, but they _____ of others who do the same things!
- Paul says that those who practice such things are deserving of _____!

Apply: What did I learn in today's lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?
