

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Romans 1:18-32

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
 against
 all ungodliness
 and unrighteousness of men,
 who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them,
 because God has shown it to them.
- 20 For his invisible attributes,
 namely,
 his eternal power
 and divine nature,
 have been clearly perceived,
 ever since the creation of the world,
 in the things that have been made.
 So they are without excuse.
- 21 For although they knew God,
 they did not honor him as God
 or give thanks to him,
 but they became futile in their thinking,
 and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- 22 Claiming to be wise,
 they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
 for images
 resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.
- 24 Therefore God gave them up
 in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,
 to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,
- 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie
 and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,
 who is blessed forever! Amen.
- 26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.
 For their women exchanged natural relations
 for those that are contrary to nature;
- 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women
 and were consumed with passion for one another,
 men committing shameless acts with men
 and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.
- 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God,
 God gave them up to a debased mind
 to do what ought not to be done.
- 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.
 They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.
 They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful,
- 30 inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.
- 32 Though they know God's decree
 that those who practice such things deserve to die,
 they not only do them
 but give approval to those who practice them. (ESV)

Basic Outline

Doctrine: Justification—The Righteousness of God Revealed 1:18–11:36

The Need of It 1:18–3:20 *What a Mess!*

Condemnation of the pagan (unrighteous): The Panorama of Sin Described 1:18-32

Reason for Condemnation 1:18-23

Result of Condemnation: The Revolt against the Character of God—Immorality 1:24-32

Introduction

Response to this claim:

“The basic problem of the human race is not ignorance of the truth but rebellion against the One who is the truth.”



Think about it

In Romans 1:18-32, Paul moves from declaring that in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, to declaring that the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness.

How does this passage identify the root of sin?

What is the fruit and result of sin?



Talk about it

On who is God’s wrath displayed? Why?

What can be known about God in this passage? How is it known?

What do human beings, in this passage, do with the knowledge of God?

How does God respond?



What do we learn about God

What attributes of God are revealed in this passage?



Think about it

Though the passage is aimed at pagans—how is it applicable to us?



Act on it

Application

What do we know about God that we don’t respond to, that we don’t obey?