

First, the Bad News

Romans 1:18-2:16

The Sin of Man

1:18-32

- Every offense against God provokes His holy _____.
- Suppressing truth is a willful pushing away of God and what is known about Him.
- All of creation speaks of a God who is powerful, good, and worthy of worship. Even so, people make a choice to ignore what God has made known. As a result, their hearts and minds grow foolish and increasingly sinful. Then they exchange the worship of God for the worship of idols.
- God allows those who refuse to worship Him to do things their own way with terrible consequences.
- Paul's list of sins ensures everyone understands their guilt before a _____ God.

Hold tight to God's truth.

The Wrath of God

2:1-16

- Paul is speaking primarily to Jewish Christians who struggle with understanding they too can fall under God's _____.
- When we judge someone else for something we have also done, we bring reproach on ourselves.
- Good works are evidence of faith. A lack of good works is evidence of a lack of saving _____.
- God's judgment of mankind is utterly faultless.
- All those who suppress the truth of God and reject Him will bear His wrath.
- Christians will not bear God's wrath, but we will give an account for our lives, including our inner life and thoughts known only to God.

Fiercely pursue righteousness.

I delight to do your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

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ROMANS 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

PSALM 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

EXODUS 20:2-5a “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God...”

MATTHEW 22:37-39 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

MATTHEW 7:3,5 “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?...You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

JOHN 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.