

## Romans: The Gospel of God

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*Why We Need the Gospel: Because of God's Judgment on Immorality.*

*Rom. 1:18-32*

Last week we began our study by looking at a very upbeat and exciting introduction from the apostle Paul where he shares his own testimony and how the gospel transformed his life. He ended his introduction speaking about the gospel and saying that it is the power of God that leads to salvation to all who believe. But instead of explaining to us the good news in great detail, Paul draws back the curtain and exposes us to some very bad news. This bad news will continue through the middle of chapter 3. Today he explains to us God's wrath.

### Romans 1:18-32

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wrath of God.

For the **wrath** of God is **revealed** from heaven against **all ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, (1:18a)

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2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Wrath of God.

- The unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ to see the \_\_\_\_\_.

"who by their **unrighteousness suppress** the **truth**." (1:18b)

- The unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ God as \_\_\_\_\_.

For **what** can be **known** about **God** is **plain to them**, because **God** has **shown it to them**. 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**. (1:19-20)

For although they **knew God**, they did **not honor** him **as God** or give **thanks to him** (1:21a)

- The unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ their own god.

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**. **Claiming** to be **wise**, they **became fools**, and **exchanged** the **glory** of the **immortal God** for **images** resembling **mortal man** and **birds** and **animals** and **creeping things**. (1:21-23)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wrath of God.

- God gives them over to \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore **God gave them up** in the **lusts** of their hearts to **impurity**, to the **dishonoring** of their bodies among themselves, 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. (1:24-25)

- God gives them over to \_\_\_\_\_.

For this reason **God gave them up** to **dishonorable passions**. For their **women** exchanged **natural relations** for those that are **contrary to nature**; 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**. (1:26-27)

- God gives them over to a \_\_\_\_\_.

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. (1:28)

Economic Disorder: They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. (1:29a)

Social Disorder: They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanders, (1:29b)

Spiritual Disorder: haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, (1:30a)

Family Disorder: disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (1:30b-31)

Though they **know** God's **righteous decree** that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only **do them** but give **approval** to those who **practice them**. (1:32)

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, or swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 2 Cor. 6:9-10

And such **were some of you**. But **you were washed**, **you were sanctified**, **you were justified** in the **name of the Lord Jesus Christ** and **by the Spirit of our God**. 2 Cor. 6:11