

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Wednesday Class: "Romans: God's **Good News** for the World"

A Righteousness from God: Needed (1:18-3:20)

What's wrong with the world? The wrath of God against all humankind.

OUTLINE

- First (1:18-32), he portrays **depraved** _____ **society** in its idolatry, immorality and anti-social behavior.
- Second (2:1-16), he addresses **critical** _____ (whether Gentiles or Jews), who profess high ethical standards and apply them to everybody except themselves.
- Third (2:17-3:8), he turns to **self-confident** _____, who boast of their knowledge of God's law, but do not obey it.
- Fourth (3:9-20), he encompasses **the whole** _____ and concludes that we are all guilty and without excuse before God.

GOD'S WRATH AGAINST "DEPRAVED GENTILE SOCIETY" (1:18-32)

1. The _____ of God's wrath
 - A. Avoid two extremes
 - 1) there are those who see it as no different from sinful human anger.
 - 2) the notion of anger as a personal attribute or attitude of God must be abandoned.
 - B. Definition: The wrath of God, then, is almost totally different from human anger. It does not mean that God loses his temper, flies into a rage, or is ever malicious, spiteful, vindictive. God's wrath is his holy hostility to evil, His deeply personal abhorrence of evil, His refusal to condone it or come to terms with it, his just judgment upon it.
2. The _____ of God's wrath . . . "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven (Greek: **ἀποκαλύπτω** *apokalúptō* = verb: present tense, passive voice)."

How is God's wrath being revealed?

- A. Ever since the Fall of Man and the Curse of Sin (Genesis 3; Psalm 90; Romans 8:20-25)
- B. _____ wrath, which is _____ (Rev. 20:15)
- C. _____ wrath – the final Day of the Lord (Rev. 6:16-17; 19:15)
- D. _____ wrath – global flood; destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah
- E. _____ wrath – principle of sowing & reaping (Gal. 6:7)
- F. Through the public administration of justice (Gen. 9:5-6; Rom. 13:1-7)

G. _____ wrath. Here in the remaining verses of Romans 1 (vss. 19ff.) it is this seventh form that Paul emphasizes. God abandons sinners continually throughout history to pursue their sin and its consequences. Paul goes on to explain by his terrible refrain: "God gave them over" (vss. 24, 26, 28).

3. The object of God's wrath . . . "against all the godlessness and wickedness of men"

A. Godlessness = offenses against God (vss. 19-27)

B. Wickedness = offenses against our fellow man (vss. 28-32)

4. The reason for God's wrath . . . "men suppress the truth"

God's wrath is righteously revealed because people suppress the truth about the one true God (vs. 25) and turn to idolatry (vss. 18-23). The consequence of suppression & idolatry is the moral disintegration of society (vv. 24-32).

A. God's _____. No one anywhere is without a witness to the one true God.

1) In _____ (vss. 19-20; cp. Psa. 19:1-8; Acts 14:17; Job 38-41 with 42:5)

- It is a _____ testimony
- It is _____
- It is a _____ revelation (Psa. 19:1-6)
- It is a _____ revelation

2) Through _____ revelation

- The _____ Word (2 Tim. 3:16a; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21)
- The _____ Word (Jesus ... John 1:14; Heb. 1:1, 2)

B. Man's _____

1) _____ blindness (vss. 18, 21, 23, 25, 28a)

2) _____ beliefs (vss. 21b-22)

- Some men _____ the truth and become _____ (Psa. 14:1)
- Some _____ the truth and become _____.

3) _____ behavior (vss. 24, 26-27, 28b-32)

C. God's _____

1) God gave them over . . . to _____ impurity (vs. 24)

2) God gave them over . . . to _____ lusts (vs. 26)

3) God gave them over . . . to a _____ mind (vs. 28)