

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 **DEFINITION** of God's wrath

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

##### 2. The **REVELATION** of God's wrath . . . "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven (Greek: ἀποκαλύπτω *apokalúptō* = verb: present tense, passive voice)."

##### 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) \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

In **Creation** (vss. 19-20; Psa. 19:1-4); and in **Conscience** (2:14-15; God's image in mankind).

- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ testimony

- It is \_\_\_\_\_. Conclusions about the Creator from creation?

  - His \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 14:1; 53:1; and Rom. 1:22)

- His \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 38-41; 42:5)
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (“Intelligent Design” ... a master engineer)
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (the rainbow; Gen. 9:8-17)
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (kindness; Acts 14:17)
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ revelation (Psa. 19:1-6)
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ revelation  
Natural revelation doesn't give sufficient information for man to experience salvation.

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)

This passage does not teach \_\_\_\_\_ (the ascent of man), but \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ : he started high and, because of sin, sank lower than the beasts.

APPLYING THE TRUTH:

1. Lord, give us \_\_\_\_\_ (not condemnation).

2. Lord, give us \_\_\_\_\_.

Men are lost; Jesus is the Savior; we have the right message; we are God's messengers.

3. Lord, give us \_\_\_\_\_ (see 2 Cor. 3:12).

4. Lord, make us \_\_\_\_\_ (to go; to give; to pray).