

Sermon Questions

The God of Salvation

Romans 1:18–21, 2:15–16

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CONNECT:

- What is your first awareness/memory of God?

GROW:

- Read Romans 1:18-21. What 2 truths does *everyone* know about God (see v. 20)? Unfortunately, what do people tend to do with this truth? Why do you think people do that (see Obadiah 3, Romans 8:7-8, Psalm 51:5)?
- Why would it be grossly inappropriate if a human judge dealt with a violent criminal who harmed someone dear to you by merely saying “don’t do it again”? How does that help us understand God, who is far more just and holy than any human judge, and the necessity of Him revealing His wrath “against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth”?
- What does Scripture say to people about seeking God? (see Jeremiah 29:13 and Acts 17:26-27 and Hebrews 3:12-15). How does this display God’s great mercy and kindness?
- Romans 3:10-23 documents the depth of humanity’s rebellion against God. In what, then, does our hope rest? (see John 6:44, 6:37 and Ephesians 2:4-5)

GO:

- What does Romans 10:13-15 teach us about our responsibility? Who were the people who “preached” the good news to you? Who are you “preaching” to?

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1. God desires all people to believe in Jesus alone, as Savior and Lord and to become His adopted daughter or son eternally. (John 3:16; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:22, Romans 10:9–10)
2. Salvation (or lack of it) is determined prior to death. There are no “second chances” after a person’s earthly life is over. (Hebrews 9:27–28)
3. God has graciously revealed Himself through Jesus the incarnation (John 1:1–14), through scripture (2 Timothy 3:16–17), through His creation (Romans 1:18–21; Psalm 19), and even His 10 commandments written on our hearts (Romans 2:15–16).

Next Week: Romans 1:21, 24–28