

I Need Jesus, You Need Jesus, They Need Jesus (Romans 1:18-32)

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(18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (19) For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. (20) 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. (21) 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. (22) Claiming to be wise, they became fools, (23) and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (24) Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, (25) 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. (26) For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; (27) 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. (28) 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. (29) They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, (30) slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, (31) foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (32) 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. [Romans 1:18-32 ESV]

Practical Application

1. The message of Christianity is the best news the world has ever heard. Let's tell everyone!
2. I need Jesus, you need Jesus, they need Jesus, we all need Jesus. We all need to be saved. We all need a Savior.
3. People need to understand the good news (Gospel) and the bad news.
4. God's wrath was poured out on Jesus on the cross. We will either trust in Him and never experience God's holy and just judgement, or we will reject Him and face the natural consequences of our sin. Trust in Jesus Christ today.
5. God is holy and must punish sin. The good news (Gospel) is that Jesus took that punishment for us so that we can be forgiven and free forever.
6. Do not suppress the truth, embrace the truth. Do not deny reality, embrace reality. Do not deny God, embrace God.
7. Everyone knows that there is a God, and everyone has turned away from Him.
8. God has revealed Himself to us in the creation (nature/Natural Revelation/General Revelation).
9. Everyone knows certain things about God, but no-one knows everything about God.
10. There is no excuse for sin and no excuse for not turning to God for grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. Do you see your deep need for Jesus?
11. Have you given God the honor that He deserves everyday of your life? You need Jesus. Give Him honor today.
12. Have you given God the thanks that He deserves for everything He has given you and done? You need Jesus. Give Him thanks today.
13. Guard your mind from futile thinking. Fix your mind on God, truth, goodness, and things above.
14. You will either have a dark heart or a heart filled with the light of Christ. True enlightenment is found in Jesus.
15. Confess foolishness, rest in Christ's wisdom, ask God for wisdom each day, and seek wisdom from God's Word.
16. God is immortal, we are mortal. We need God for existence, life, and eternal life. We are dependent on God for everything.
17. Idolatry leads to God giving people over to the sinful desires of their sinful & selfish hearts. We have all been there.
18. We will embrace the truth or lies. We will either worship the Creator or the creation. We all need Jesus.

19. All sexual immorality is sin (lust in our hearts, sex outside of marriage, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, etc.). We all need Jesus.
20. We will either ignore God or acknowledge God. We all need Jesus.
21. Have you done what is right or wrong, evil or good, covetousness or contentment, malice or benevolence, envy or generosity, been murderous or life giving and protecting, causing strife or bringing peace, deceptive or truthful, gossip or self-controlled with words, slanderer or encourager, hater of God or lover of God, haughty or humble, boastful or boasting in God, inventing evil or doing good, disobedient or obedient, foolish or wise, faithless or faithful, heartless or heartfelt, ruthless or gentle? We all need Jesus.
22. Those who habitually practice evil will eventually approve of and even celebrate evil. We all need Jesus.
23. As we continue this series through the book of Romans invite others to hear the good news each Sunday.

Announcements

- Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Worship: Gratitude: Prayer and Praise Service. Nov 1 from 6:30-7:30.
- Youth Event (6th-12th): Reverb Event on November 17-18. Contact David Barrero for more details.
- Church-wide Potluck Lunch: Today (October 29th)! Enjoy a time of fellowship around the table.