

“First, the Bad News” Part II
Series: “The Truth that Transforms” (Romans 1:18-32)
4/26/26

I. The Reality of the Wrath of God

Vs. 18 “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven...”

II. The Reasons for the Wrath of God

Vs. 17, 18 “In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed...The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness...”

1. Godlessness: _____
(Sins against God)

2. Wickedness: _____
(Sins against People)

3. Human Response toward God (Godlessness)

A. Humans *Suppress* the Truth (The knowledge of God)

1. It is Unmistakable
2. It is Universal
3. It is Undeniable “*people are without excuse*”

B. Humans *Reject* the Truth

Vs. 21 “For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

1. Refuse to Give God _____
2. Refuse to Give _____ to God

“Blow, Blow....thy winter wind...thou art not so unkind as man’s ingratitude.”
William Shakespeare

C. Humans *Replace* the Truth

Vs. 22-25 “Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles...They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator who is forever praised, Amen.”

Exodus 20:3-5 (NLT) “You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind...You must not bow down to them or worship them...”

Genesis 3:1-5 “Did God really say, You must not eat from any tree in the garden? You will not certainly die, the serpent said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”

The BIG Lie:

1. You can sin and _____
2. You can be your _____

4. Humans Response Toward Ourselves and Other People (Wickedness)

A. (Vs. 24) God gave them over to Immoral Passions

“*...sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity...*”

B. (Vs. 26) God gave them over to Indecent Perversions

“*...shameful lusts...*”

C. (Vs. 28) God gave them over to Irrational Practices

“*...to a depraved mind...*”

“*If people refuse to say to God, “Your will be done” and if they persist in that refusal long enough, God eventually says to them, “Fine, **your** will be done.”* C.S. Lewis

Genesis 1:27 “God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them.”

1 Corinthians 6:18 “Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 “Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

A Glimmer of Hope

Romans 5:8,9 “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him!”

Next Week: Romans 2:1-16