



INTRODUCTION

Penned by the apostle Paul, the book of Romans is the manifesto of Christian freedom—our liberty in Christ apart from the law. In this study through Romans, we see the doctrine of salvation as written by Paul and inspired by the Holy Spirit. This letter to the church in Rome reveals the essence of the gospel: God's righteousness given to humankind through faith in Jesus Christ.

Icebreaker: Have you ever heard someone say “don’t judge me” or “only God can judge me”? How do you feel about that statement? Should we or should we not judge?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Read Romans 1:18-21

1. Verse 18 – What is ungodliness? unrighteousness? Why do people suppress the truth? What do they do to suppress the truth? What is the result of doing this?
2. Verse 19 – How has God made Himself known within people? How has God made Himself known in creation?
3. Verse 20 – What has been clearly seen? What is general or natural revelation? What is referred to as special revelation? What is the result of having general revelation?
4. Verse 21 – What happens when we don’t honor God as God or give thanks? What are futile speculations? What does it mean to have a foolish heart that is darkened?
5. What does it mean to have a biblical world view? What does it take to be saved from God’s wrath? Does a person have to hear the gospel or if they never hear do they get eternal life anyway? How does your answer affect your view of evangelism?

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is,* His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

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