

Romans 1:18-32 — Why Humanity Needs the Gospel

Intro: Sometimes we need to shock in order to save

Is God really angry? (and does he have any right to be?)

Are we really guilty?

1. The Claim: God is angry against Unrighteous, Truth Suppression

God's judgement a present experience

Suppressing the truth about God — like children with fingers in ears

2. What God has done? — Made Himself Known (v.19-20)

Science at its best — discerning the order/fingerprint of God

Ignoring the prints — leaves us without excuse!

3. What People have done? — Traded in the knowledge of God (v.21-23)

Trading in is trading down

Worshipping the creation rather than the creator

Two tell-tale signs — Ingratitude & Idolatry

What are you thankful for?

Who or what do you worship?

4. What has God done in response? — Delivered people over (v.24-31)

- Experiencing our own moral chaos — God has delivered us from this
- "Out of order" — our desires & our world
- awkward teaching — the illustration of homosexuality
- sin may come "naturally" now; that's judgement, not endorsement

5. What have people done? — celebrated & continued the moral chaos (v.32)

The purpose of this passage:

Removing excuses and all pride

Helping us feel the absolute need for rescue