

ROMANS – FROM GUILT TO GLORY!

Week #6

Man Is Without Excuse!

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- God's wrath is revealed against 2 things:
 - Ungodliness – Refusal to honor God's authority resulting in opposition to Him (**Psalm 46:10**)
 - Unrighteousness – Character and actions that are wrong and unjust in light of God's standard.
 - ***The wrath of God is as pure as the holiness of God. When angry, He is perfectly angry. When He is displeased, there is every reason He should be.*** — Stuart Briscoe (Pastor / Author)
- Why is God angry – “*who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.*”
 - The word picture of the word “suppresses” is that of a man attempting to keep a lid on a container so that whatever is inside cannot escape.

Romans 1:19-21

- If you had to encapsulate these 3 verses with a title it would be “*without excuse.*”
- God reveals Himself to man in 2 ways:
 - Special revelation.
 - Natural revelation.
 - John Calvin – “***By saying that God has made it manifest, he means, that man was created to be a spectator of this formed world, and that eyes were given him, that he might, by looking on so beautiful picture, be led to the Author Himself.***”
 - Job 12:7-9.
 - Notice the downward spiral in verse #21.
 - Although they knew Him.
 - They did not honor (glorify) Him as God.
 - Nor were they thankful.
 - Became futile (**useless / fruitless**) in their speculations (thoughts).

- What is the result – their foolish hearts were darkened.

How many of you have every heard the old adage “*a picture is worth 1,000 words*”? Well the Apostle Paul uses the rest of Chapter 1 of Romans to paint us a picture of what happens when man rejects God as God.

- **Genesis 3:5.**
- That is where **verse #22** begins, man has rejected God as creator and the downward spiral begins.
 - *There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person, and it can never be filled by any created thing. It can only be filled by God, made known through Jesus Christ.* (Blaise Pascal - Blaise Pascal was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic theologian)

Romans 1:23

- So, what will man try to fill that hole in his heart with?
 - They will worship idols (birds, four footed animals, creeping things).
 - **Exodus 32: 1-4.**

Romans 1:24 -25

- **(Therefore)** God also gave them up.
 - To uncleanness.
 - To the lust of their hearts.
 - To dishonor their bodies.
 - *We are created in the image of God.*
 - When we buy into the lie of satan, we will worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator.
 - The 1st two Commandments (**Exodus 20**)