

Romans Lesson 3 | Chapter 1:18 - 1:32

- 18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- 19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
- 20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- 21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.
- 24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- 25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- 26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- 27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
- 28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- 29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Q. What are the two things God's wrath is upon?

A. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all _____ and _____ of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

Q. What is "ungodliness" and "unrighteousness?"

A. If you look at the two words carefully, you will see the words, "god" and "right." Think about what it means to be UN-GOD. It means to live without God, it means not to acknowledge or thank Him. It is like someone who does not even thank God for the food they eat. Also, think about what it means to be UN-RIGHT. It means not to do the right thing. Who decides what is right? God does. Paul is going to show us from chapter 1:19-3:20 all the things that are UN-GOD and UN-RIGHT.

Q. What does Paul tell us about those who teach evolution?

A. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are _____, being understood by the things that are _____, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are _____."

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Q. What are the two reasons that God's wrath is revealed?

A. "Because that, when they knew God, they _____ him not _____ God, neither were _____."

Study Point

To glorify God as God is to acknowledge that He is the Creator, and we as the creature should submit to Him, and thank Him for all that He is and all that He does for us.

List some ways we can glorify God (Remember, God is interested in even the smallest things):

Q. What does Paul say about a man that denies the existence of God?

A. "but became _____ in their imaginations, and their _____ heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became _____."

Q. What does God call homosexuality and lesbianism?

A. "For this cause God gave them up unto _____ affections." What comes to your mind when you think of the word "vile?" Does the world and Hollywood agree with God's estimate of this sin? Whose side do you take on this issue?

Q. What happens to a man's mind when he willingly decides that God does not exist?

A. "And even as they did not like to retain God in their _____, God gave them over to a _____ mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

Study Point

The word reprobate means, something that fails the test. In other words, when you buy a new car, the purpose of that car is to drive you where you need to go. When a car does not drive, it is useless; it fails to accomplish the task for which it was created. Apply this to the question that was just asked. Think about what a reprobate mind is.

Q. Are the people in Romans 1 ignorant of God, or are they simply rebelling against God? _____

Q. And, what do the sins listed deserve? (In answering this second question, think about each sin listed. Name each one out loud, say what that sin deserves out loud, and see if you are guilty of any of those sins. What do you deserve?)

A. "Who _____ the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of _____, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."