

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Sept.....Romans 1:1-17..... Good News To Tell
- 2) **11 Sept.....Romans 1:18-3:26..... Good News to Hear**
- 3) 18 Sept.....Romans 3:27-4:25..... Good News to Believe
- 4) 25 Sept.....Romans 5:1-21..... It's All About Grace
- 5) 02 Oct.....Romans 6:1-23..... It's All About New Life
- 6) 09 Oct.....Romans 7:1-25..... It's All About Victory
- 7) 16 Oct.....Romans 8:1-39.....It's All About Certainty
- 8) 23 Oct.....Romans 9:1-11:36..... It's All About God's Plan
- 9) 30 Oct.....Romans 12:1-21..... Does Your Life Please God
- 10) 06 Nov.....Romans 13:1-14..... Can You Be Counted On
- 11) 13 Nov.....Romans 14:1-12..... Do You Respect Others
- 12) 20 Nov.....Romans 14:13-23..... Do You Strive for Peace with Others
- 13) 27 Nov.....Romans 15:1—16:27..... Does Your Life Speak Well of God?

INTRODUCTION

- Can we prove to the world that God exists?Yes & No
- God is a God who hides Himself (Is 8:17), but those who examine the evidence honestly will see God's fingerprints everywhere. Others won't believe even if someone rose from the dead ..Luke 16:31

Passage	Comments
1:18-23	<p>Doctrine of Natural Revelation – No Excuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v20. Since the creation, His invisible attributes are visible (omniscience, omnipresence, all powerful, all loving, all just, all merciful).....BUT HOW? ♦ Power/Truth/Just/Righteous. E.g., finding dead things buried in water-borne sediment all over the world give credence to Noah's global flood ♦ Mercy/Love. Mankind is still here ♦ Omniscience. The complexity of life, the vastness of the universe, and beauty found everywhere ♦ Omnipresence. If God's word is true, then His presence is everywhere, as testified.....Ps 139:8
1:24-25	<p>God Gave Them Over to Their Lusts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would this look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Probable sins involved loose living, few morals, most anything goes • The sad part is there would be innocent victims from child prostitution, incest, rape, pornography, and exploited women & children
1:26-27	<p>God Gave Them Over to Degrading Passions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As they go from bad to worse, what would it be like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Probable sins would include homosexuality, bestiality, pedophilia; orgies
1:28-32	<p>God Gave Them Over to a Depraved Mind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...and as they still wax worse & worse (2Tim 3:13), what would this look like? • Probable sins include masochism, sadism and other forms of sexual perversion not appropriate to even talk about Eph 5:12 • They developed a "seared conscience" 1Tim 4:2
2:1-11	<p>God's Goodness Brings Repentance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Hypocrisy reaps God's judgment • vv4-6. The goodness of God leads people to repentance – SO, when you've been bad and haven't been punished yet, be smart and repent and thank God for His goodness and mercy to you • vv7-11. God shows no partiality – to the Jew first and then the Greeks (or Gentiles such as you and me) -basically this is the principle of receiving blessings or harsher judgment for knowing more..... James 3:1

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2:12-16	<p>God's Moral Code is Global</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, no one has an excuse for not knowing God's pervasive moral code. Recall He puts "eternity into the hearts of men" Ecc 3:1
2:17-24	<p>Hypocrisy By One Stains All of Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v24. 'The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you' – OUCH! - Paul is quoting Is 52:5 or Ezek 36:20 where the Jews of old forsook their God - Paul wasn't lambasting the Roman Christians for bad behavior, because in 1:8 he thanked God for their wonderful testimony throughout the empire - Paul was stating the obvious of how bad hypocrisy hurts the church back then and TODAY
2:25-29	<p>I'm A Jew – You're A Jew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a true Jew is a work of the heart, not the flesh • This concept will be elaborated on throughout Romans. Abraham's righteousness (and ours) was received before the Law (Chap 4), and Gentiles are spiritually grafted in (Chap 11)
3:1-18	<p>Purpose for the Jews → Tell Us We Need Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-2. The sole purpose for the Jews was to give the world the Written Word and the Living Word (Jesus)
3:19-20	<p>Purpose of the Law → Give Us Knowledge of Sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v19. Jews & Gentiles are accountable to God since we all learned about sin from God's Universal Law (goodness, kindness, justice, mercy, love)
3:21-26	<p>Purpose of Jesus → Our Propitiation (Payment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v22. God's righteousness is available to those who believe by faith • v24. Being declared innocent of all crimes (justified) is a free Gift from God, but it cost Him dearly

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Sinners have no excuse for missing out on salvation; and we Christians have no excuse wasting our salvation on our flesh
- So, let's pick up our cross (our responsibilities) and march on

NEXT WEEK: Romans 4. Faith + Grace delivers a guarantee from God for eternal life to those who exercise their believing faith

Romans Road to Salvation

- God Is The Creator Of Life | Romans 1:20-21
- Why We Need Salvation (Our Sins) | Romans 3:23
- Man's Inability to Save Himself | Romans 3:10
- The Penalty Of Sin is Death | Romans 6:23a
- God's Plan Of Salvation By Jesus | Romans 5:8
- God's Promise Of Eternal Life | Romans 6:23b
- Man's Responsibility to Believe | Romans 10:9-10
- Results Of Salvation = No Condemnation | Romans 8:1