

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 Mar 2020.....	Romans 01a.....	Compelled
2) 08 Mar.....	Romans 01b.....	Guilty
3) 15 Mar.....	Romans 02.....	Insufficient
4) 22 Mar.....	Romans 03-04.....	Justified
5) 29 Mar.....	Romans 05.....	At Peace
6) 05 April.....	Romans 06-07.....	Free
7) 12 April.....	Luke 24:1-12 [EASTER].....	Raised
8) 19 April.....	Romans 08-09.....	Secured
9) 26 April.....	Romans 10.....	Saved
10) 03 May.....	Romans 11.....	Mercy
11) 10 May.....	Romans 12.....	Sacrifices
12) 17 May.....	Romans 13.....	Citizens
13) 24 May.....	Romans 14.....	Accepting
14) 31 May.....	Romans 15-16.....	Reach

INTRODUCTION

- Can we prove to the world that God exists? Yes & No
- God is a God who hides Himself (**Isaiah 8:17**), but when we honestly examine the evidence, we see God's fingerprints everywhere. Others won't believe even if someone rose from the dead **Luke 16:31**
- God made it theoretically possible for every able-minded person throughout all of history to make it to Heaven. So, when someone ends up in Hell, they can only blame themselves

Passage	Comments
Romans 1:18-23	<p>Doctrine of Natural Revelation – No Excuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv18-19. Though God has given them internal and external evidence, the unrighteous suppress the truth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What internal evidence has God provided? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God has instilled in the heart of everyone a realization of eternity Ecc 3:11 2. God's moral Law of right and wrong are attested by the conscience Rom 2:15 ♦ But the conscience can be made weak (1Cor 8:12); or defiled (Titus 1:15); evil (Heb 10:22); shipwrecked (1Tim 1:19); or seared (1Tim 4:2) thru intentional self-deception (1Cor 3:18; Jam 1:26) ♦ What external evidence has God provided? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substantial proof for the Resurrection .. Acts 17:31 2. Scientific proof through the laws of mathematical probability: The odds of only 8 Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in one person is at least 1x10²⁸. For any more prophecies to be fulfilled would astronomically be impossible for them to refer to any other person than Jesus Christ • vv20-23. Since the creation, God's invisible attributes are visible (omniscience, omnipresence, all powerful, all loving, all just, all merciful) BUT HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Power/Truth/Just/Righteous. E.g., finding billions of dead things buried in rock layers 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"> • v24. What would this look like? Probable sins include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Loose living, few morals, most anything goes ♦ The sad part is there would be countless innocent victims from child prostitution, incest, rape, pornography, and exploited women & children • v25. "Served the creature" – What does this look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Man determines his ways. Man becomes God. ♦ Truth becomes relevant, not absolute

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1:26-27	<p>God Gave Them Over to Degrading Passions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As they went from bad to worse, what would it be like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sins of Rome included acceptance and promotion of adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, pedophilia, and child sacrifice on a national scale ♦ Seems like America today (abortion, gay rights, uncontested divorce and remarriage). Bestiality & pedophilia are next on the agenda • v27b. "...receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error". IOW, they reaped what they sowed on a national scale. What would this look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sexually transmitted diseases ♦ Broken families, no one knows what sex they are
1:28-32	<p>God Gave Them Over to a Depraved Mind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "...they wax worse & worse..... 2Tim 3:13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What would this look like? Probable sins include masochism, sadism, and other sexual perversions not appropriate to even talk about..... Eph 5:12 • v28. BUT what does it mean "God gave them over..."? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider this: God allowed them to do the evil they concocted with no forms of corrective punishment ♦ Unfortunately, this would mean punishment would come later, possibly when they stood before God's judgment seat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ ...and there would be many innocent victims between now and then...OUCH ♦ What can the Church do? <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge society? <input type="checkbox"/> Preach against such sins? <input type="checkbox"/> Do nothing but wait? • Food for Thought. If the Church condones and promotes adultery via remarrying of divorcees, how can we tell the world homosexuality is wrong without it being hypocritical? Remember, adultery is considered an abomination and is lumped in with homosexuality as a deadly sin 1Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21; Ezek 22:11

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 us pick up our cross (our responsibilities) and serve diligently

NEXT WEEK: Romans 2. God's goodness leads people to repentance, Gentiles are included in the grace of God, and to be a true Jew is an inward process

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