

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE
ROMANS

----- Lesson 2 -----

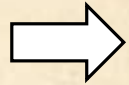
The Revelation of the Righteousness of God
The CONDEMNATION of the Gentiles

(Romans 1:18-32)

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In Part One, Paul shows that the gift of righteousness is man's only remedy from everlasting condemnation.

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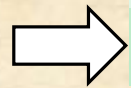
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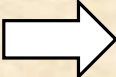
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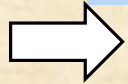
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First, Paul will prove that all people deserve to be condemned by God.

This section also has three divisions.

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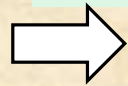
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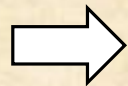
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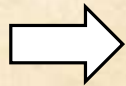
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The Jews are the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
The Gentiles are everyone else.

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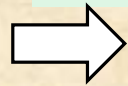
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1) The Guilt of the Gentile

(1:18-32)

This is the subject of today's lesson.

The Guilt of the Gentile (1:18-32)

Romans 1:18-19

- 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.

Paul begins this section by explaining the reason for God's anger toward sinful man.



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Strong's Analytical Concordance

The wrath of God is “his anger exhibited in punishment.”



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God's wrath is as much a part of his nature as his love.

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.



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God's wrath is directed at the ungodliness and unrighteousness of sinful man.



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Webster's 1828 Dictionary

UNGODLINESS:

Impiety; wickedness; disregard of God and his commands and neglect of his worship.

The ungodly deny there is anything holy.



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UNRIGHTEOUSNESS:

a violation of the divine law, or of the plain principles of justice and equity;
when applied to persons, it denotes an habitual course of wickedness.

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To hold the truth in unrighteousness is to keep yourself from seeing the truth because you don't want to see how wicked you really are.



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Man may try to hide himself from God, but God does not hide himself from man. Every day and night we see proof of God's existence.



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Psalms 19:1-3

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
- ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- ³ *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*



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Romans 1:20-21

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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.

Anyone who fails to give thanks and praise to God is without excuse – even if he has never heard a preacher. The creation itself proves the power and supremacy of the Creator.



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When people refuse to give God the glory and thanksgiving he deserves, their hearts turn dark, and their imaginations are filled with wicked ideas.



The Guilt of the Gentile (1:18-32)

Romans 1:22-25

- 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
fourfooted 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.

Just as Paul wrote to Timothy,
when men “turn away their ears
from the truth, they shall be turned
to fables” (2 Tim. 4:4).

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First, they change God into a
creature from their own world.

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God's response is not to weep and
howl. He simply "gives them up."

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God gives them up to uncleanness.

The Guilt of the Gentile (1:18-32)

Romans 1:26-27

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:

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He also gives them up to vile (evil) affections:

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Today's society wants you to

believe that "love is love."

But God calls this "vile affections."



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“... and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.”

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Romans 1:28

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;

Lastly, God gives them over to a reprobate mind – a mind lost to virtue or grace; abandoned in sin.



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not convenient = not suitable or proper.

“... they do what ought not to be done.” [NIV]



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Geneva Bible Notes

“They, having almost no more remorse for sin, run headlong into all types of evil.”



The Guilt of the Gentile (1:18-32)

Romans 1:29-31

- ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Without God to govern him, man is merely a slave to sin's worst desires.



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Implacable = will not be pacified or appeased.
(The boy was implacable and not willing to accept his former friend's apology.)



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Romans 1:32

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Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

1. According to Romans 1:18, the ungodliness and unrighteousness of man causes God to show his _____.
2. We know that God is love. Does this mean he is never angry?
3. What is our daily proof of God's majesty and supremacy?
4. According to Romans 1:20-21, why are all people "without excuse"?
5. According to Romans 1:22, when people say they are wise, they become _____.
6. According to Romans 1:23 and 25, what are the two things fools try to change?
7. According to Romans 1:24, what is God's response to them?
8. According to Romans 1:24, 26 and 28, what are the three things that God gives the wicked over to?
9. Read Romans 1:29-31. Is it difficult to see these things in the world today?
10. According to Romans 1:32, does knowing the punishment for sin stop people from committing sin?

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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