

ROMANS

Chapters 1 and 2

Romans 1:1,16 (NIV) “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God- ¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel ...”

Romans 1:16_b, 17 (NIV) “... because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”

4 WARNING SIGNS THAT SOMEONE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW GOD:

1. Denying the authority, goodness and power of God.

Romans 1:18 (NIV) “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness . . .”

Romans 1:19-20 (NIV) “. . . since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Romans 1:21_a (NIV) “For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him ...”

2. Practicing and approving of sins that God clearly condemns.

Romans 1:21 (NIV) “For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Sexual impurity (v. 24).

Idolatry (v. 24).

Homosexuality (v. 24-28).

Greed (v. 29).

Depravity (v. 29).

Envy (v. 29).

Murder (v. 29).

Strife (v. 29).

Deceit (v. 29).

Malice (v. 29).

Gossip (v. 29).

Slander (v. 30).

God-haters (v. 30).

Insolent (v. 30).

Arrogant (v. 30).

Boastful (v. 30).

Disobedience to parents (v. 30).

Senselessness (v. 31).

Faithlessness (v. 31).

Heartlessness (v. 31).

Ruthlessness (v. 31).
Approving evil (v. 32).

Romans 1:32 (NIV) “Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

3. Judging the sins of others while ignoring their own sins.

Romans 2:1 (NIV) “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.”

Romans 2:3, 11 (NIV) “So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? ¹¹For God does not show favoritism.”

Romans 2:21b-23 (NIV) “You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ²²You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?”

Galatians 6:1 (NIV) “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.”

4. Believing they're going to Heaven because they've kept the rules.

Romans 2:17 (NIV) “Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God . . .”

Romans 2:25 (NIV) “Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised.”

James 2:10 (NIV) “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”

We all deserve the wrath of God.

Romans 1:18_a (NIV) “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men . . .”

Romans 2:5_b (NIV) “. . . you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath . . .”

Romans 3:5_b (NIV) “. . . what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us?”

Psalms 32:3, 5 (NLT) “When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. ⁵Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.”

THE ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION



Admit you are a sinner.

ROMANS 3:23 | *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*



Believe Jesus died for you.

ROMANS 6:23 | *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ROMANS 5:8 | *But God demonstrates his love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*



Commit your life to follow Christ.

ROMANS 10:9-10 | *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified; and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

A sinner's prayer for God's forgiveness

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Our assurance of salvation through Jesus.

ROMANS 10:13 | *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*