

Romans 1:18-32
For the week of September 25, 2022

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

Introduction

“Paul is about to expound a wonderful salvation. But first he establishes the need for it by showing that all people are sinful. Many of his contemporaries did not agree, with the result that his message seemed foolishness to them. Many of our contemporaries do not agree with him either, with the result that his words are incomprehensible to them, too. It has always seemed to most people that they are, on the whole, pretty decent people. They may not be perfect, but they have done no great wrong. Since they are conscious of no really disastrous sin, they feel that they must be right with God. But for Paul the significant thing is not that people have met their own standard but that they have not met God's. They have come short of his demand. They are in the greatest of danger because they are subject to his wrath.”¹

Observation (vs. 18)

3. What is Paul saying here?

Interpretation

4. How do you define “the wrath of God”?

¹ Leon Morris, [*The Epistle to the Romans*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press, 1988), 73.

5. How do the unrighteous suppress the truth?

Application

6. If you are saved, how have you been delivered from the wrath of God? (John 3:36, Romans 5:8-9, I Thess. 5:9, I John 4:10)

7. Is it easier for you to be a suppressor or proclaimer of the truth? Why?

Observation (vs. 19-20)

8. Attempt to put these verses in your own words.

Interpretation

9. How has God made himself known? (Scriptural hints: Job 12:7-10, Psalm 19:1, 96:11-12, Luke 19:4, John 14:8-10)

Application

10. How do you see God in His creation?

Observation (vs. 21-25)

11. Summarize these verses.

Interpretation

12. Why are people unwilling to embrace the truth about God when it is clearly seen in creation?

Application

13. What are you learning from these verses that helps you to embrace the truth of God?

Observation (vs. 26-32)

14. What is Paul saying in these verses?

Interpretation

15. Compare verses 26-32 with Galatians 5:16-26. Do you see similarities, differences...? Describe.

Application

16. As a believer in today's society, how do you view and respond to verses 26-27?

17. How can you stand firm against the distortion of God's truth?