

Revealing Romans Pt. 1 (Ashamed, Unashamed, or Shameful)

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 - Incorporating Greek wisdom & philosophy.
 - They conquered & assimilated the known world.
 - They were polytheistic (Acts 17:23).
 - Just an offshoot of Judaism, such a small country.
 - Reason #1: It was delivered by Christ (Acts 9:4-5).
 - Reason #2: It has power to transform & save.
 - Reason #3: It results in righteousness, start—finish.
2. The holy & just wrath of God (vs. 18-32)
 - Creation past (vs. 18-20)
 - Not a pretty picture, but an accurate one.
 - We don't see enlightenment & evolution.
 - We see devolution & the destructive effects of sin.
 - We aren't ignorant, but are guilty of suppressing...
 - God has generously revealed Himself to us.
 - Mankind has harshly rejected God's revelation.
 - *God must be displeased with me???*
 - The wrath of God isn't impulsive.
 - God lets you have exactly what you want.

- So, **YOU** can be the lord of your life.
- Creation **present** (vs. 21-27).
- The smarter & wiser we get, we **deny** God.
- A **depraved** mind & its **result**.
- Creation **future** (vs. 28-32).

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