

the Solution to the Problem



***“Creation is out of joint because of sin and every person is susceptible to this downward spiral.”***

**You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.**

**(Romans 2:1)**

*“There, but for the grace of  
God, go I.”*

3 signs or conditions

1) When Revelation of God  
doesn't lead to Obedience

Romans 1:18-32

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.**

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>20</sup> For 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 people are without excuse.**

## Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools**

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.**

***The more that people choose self over God, the more likely they are to believe things that are not true, and not believe things that are true.***

***If you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus, you must get rid of the sin in your life.***

3 signs or conditions

2) Following Selfish Desire over  
Truth and renaming it Truth

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

**<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.**

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

***Paul's point: this world is out of joint, because God allows people to follow their selfish desires. We all are tempted to follow our desires, live in disobedience, & make excuses for our sin.***

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# 3) Living with Indifference to Knowing God

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,**

Romans 1:18-32

<sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

Romans 1:18-32

**<sup>32</sup> 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.**

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***Indifference to the Knowledge of God  
always results in a downward spiral.***

The Solution:

**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. (Rom 1:21)**

*To know God the way He wants to be known, worship and giving thanks to God must be the most important activity in my life.*

*There is Power when the  
People of God gather in the  
Presence of God.*

When you find yourself where  
you don't want to be, the way  
back starts with worship and  
gratitude