



Session 3 - Righteousness vs. Unrighteousness Romans 1:16-32

What is the differences between good and evil?

Righteousness

1. Romans 1:16-17

- “For” is modifying the last statement
- “The righteousness of God is *revealed* from faith for faith”
- Revealed made known - God is making this known

The Unrighteousness

2. Romans 1:18-23

- Verse 18: “for” flows out of Romans 1:16-17
- **Wrath of God**
- This term “wrath” is not just at the end of life, but also a present reality as well
- “Suppress the truth”
- Natural revelation:
- Verse 20: “**so they are without excuse**”
- Verse 21: “For they **knew** God”

3. Romans 1:24-32

- What happens when creation replaces the creator?
- Verses 23, 25, & 26 “**Exchanged**”
- God gave them up
 - A. Romans 1:24-25 - Lusts of their hearts to impurity
 - Lust: A desire for what is forbidden
 - Truth: God has no beginning; He has always been
Psalm 90:2 Job 36:26 Revelation 1:8
 - B. Romans 1:26-27 - Dishonorable passions
 - Mankind perverted what God has given
 - What happens when **mankind** abandons God’s way for what is dishonorable passion?

A sad verse: “*And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to...*”

C. Romans 1:28-32 - Debased mind

- When man decides what is good and evil, man is saying, "God, you are no longer over me; I can make my own decisions."
- Look at the characteristics of a person with a debased mind
 - **Unrighteous** - Galatians 5:19-21
 - **Righteousness** - Galatians 5:22-25