

When In Romans

Why We All Need Grace

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Romans 1:18-20 NLT

But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

CREATION points to the EXISTENCE of God

Romans 1:21-23, 28-32 NLT

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. They are backstabbers,

haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Romans 2:5-6

But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

God's JUSTICE matches His RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 2:1-4, 11

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done. For God does not show favoritism.

Why Do We Miss Our Own Guilt?

1. We are too BUSY playing the BLAME game.
2. We are BLIND to God's PATIENCE with us.

Romans 3:10-20

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies." "Snake venom drips from their lips." "Their mouths are full of

cursing and bitterness.” “They rush to commit murder. Destruction and misery always follow them. They don’t know where to find peace. Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Until we realize we DESERVE God’s judgment, We will never understand that we NEED God’s grace.

God’s GRACE and JUDGEMENT collided at the cross.

Romans 3:23-26

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

TALK ABOUT IT – *Life Group Questions*

1. Paul describes people who knew the truth about God but chose to reject Him. In what ways are we tempted to ignore or push aside God’s truth in our own lives?
2. When you look at our culture, where do you see the effects of people “exchanging the truth about God for a lie”? Are there any lies you’ve personally believed in the past?
3. Why is it so easy to judge others for their sin while minimizing our own? How does this passage call you to examine your heart?

4. Romans 2:4 says God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. Can you remember a time when God's patience or grace caused you to turn back to Him?
5. If all people are sinners in need of grace, how should that impact how you share the gospel, treat others, and respond to God?

Prayer Focus:

Pray for boldness to live and speak the gospel. Ask God to reveal where He wants to shape your life more fully through faith.

REMEMBER:

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ... That he died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!

Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something -
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