

# MESSAGE NOTES

**BAD NEWS FOR HUMANITY**  
**Romans: The Power of the Gospel**  
**Romans 1:18-32**  
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I. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOU!

***For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed**, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Ro 1:17).*

*The **wrath of God is being revealed from heaven** against **all the godlessness** and **wickedness of men** who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. (Ro 1:18–19).*

### *What is the WRATH of GOD?*

- God’s Wrath **should not** be viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_
- Sinners experience the wrath of God as the apparently \_\_\_\_\_  
*consequence of attempting to live at odds with the reality that the Creator exists and that creatures owe him their gratitude and worship.*
- God’s wrath is expressed in his refusal to \_\_\_\_\_  
*from the consequences of their self-destructive folly.*

II. HUMANS ARE WITHOUT \_\_\_\_\_

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who **suppress the truth by their wickedness**, 19 since **what may be known about God is plain** to them, because **God has made it plain to them**. 20 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 men are without excuse**. (Ro 1:18–20)*

### **How do we SUPPRESS THE TRUTH?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - “**what may be known about God is plain** to them, because **God has made it plain to them**.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ - “For **since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen**,”

### III. EXCHANGE WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_

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.** (Ro 1:21)

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.** (Ro 1:22–23)

They **exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. (Ro 1:25)

#### FOUR WAYS TO ALTER YOUR CONSCIENCE

- \_\_\_\_\_ OUR ACTIONS OR CONDUCT
- \_\_\_\_\_ OUR ACTIONS BY COMPARING OURSELF TO OTHERS
- \_\_\_\_\_ OUR ACTIONS ON OTHER PEOPLE OR EVENTS IN LIFE
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANY DISCOMFORT BY BELIEVING OUR NEW TRUTH

### IV. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ ! IDOLATRY LEADS TO IMMORALITY

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*Therefore **God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts **to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.** (Ro 1:24).*
- \_\_\_\_\_ PERVERSION  
*Because of this, **God gave them over to shameful lusts.** (Ro 1:26).*
- \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING

Furthermore, since **they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God**, **he gave them over to a depraved mind**, to do what ought not to be done. (Ro 1:28)

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, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Ro 1:29–31)

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.** (Ro 1:32)