

Ladies Bible Study

week 4

September 30, 2025

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Week

Last week we talked about:

- The background of Romans
- The "whom", "we", & "ye"
- faith to faith
- The Gospel
- How Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel
- Power of God unto salvation
- God's righteousness revealed in the Gospel

This week we learned about:

- The wrath of God
- Those who are without excuse
- Where human philosophy leads
- How God eventually gave them over and up
- Fools

Gratitude

JOY



Romans 1:18 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Greek word for wrath:

- _____
- Indignation
- Passion
- Belongs to God

God reveals His own wrath and anger, peculiar to Him, against man's sinful characteristics.

IMPORTANT!

This verse does not say that the wrath of God _____ revealed; rather that it IS revealed.

This shows that it is not a wrath to come, but a wrath now being revealed from heaven.

Romans 1:18 tells us where the wrath of God is revealed from and against:

- Revealed from _____
- Revealed against all ungodliness of men, who hold the truth, suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

“From heaven” - Since the normal place of God’s abode is in heaven, and since the wrath Paul is talking about is a direct expression of God’s anger, it naturally follows that it comes forth from where God is, namely, from heaven.



_____ is simply a disregard for God and His claims; a lack of reverence and respect toward God. An ungodly person is one in whose life God has no welcome part.

Unrighteousness speaks of sinful man’s injustice, wrongdoing, and wickedness. This word stands for the opposite of what is right, hence, that which is wrong.

Because of man’s ungodliness, they _____ the truth as they do, in unrighteousness.



Because man has no respect or reverence for God, He will live a wicked lifestyle and live against God and His Word. Is this not what we see in the world today?

We see things like abortion, homosexuality, fornication, racism, evolution, etc.

Everywhere we look, sin is _____ in the name of pleasure and fun.

This is a great picture of suppressing the truth in unrighteousness.



Romans 1:19 - Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.

“That which may be known of God is manifest in them.” This means that God has placed within us the knowledge that there is a Creator who made us—a _____ behind our creation—something greater than our minds can conceive, a Master Designer.

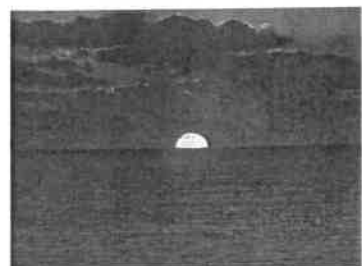


At the end of verse 19 it says, “for God hath showed it unto them.” Not only did He place a knowledge within us of Himself, He made a magnificent creation for us to see and know there was a Master Creator. How can we look at the beauty and intricacies of creation and say there is no God?

Built into the very nature of man is an _____ knowledge of the God who created him.

Romans 1:20 tells us - For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Psalms 19:1-2 puts it this way: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.



Should not these wonders of creation move man to worship the Creator?
Would it not be the most willful folly to assert that all this, so intricately and perfectly designed, so harmonious in its movements, has no designer, no Creator?!

Romans 1:21-22 - Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

We should look around at the wonders of creation—the natural beauty all around us. We should look at the birds and the flowers in the fields and ask ourselves: If God cares so much for them, how much _____ does He care for me?!

Instead Paul says that, as a whole, mankind did not regard God with such reverence and gratitude. They became vain in their imaginations or reasonings, and their foolish heart was darkened.

This is an apt description of human _____ and its results.

If God pronounces the wisdom of this world foolish, then it is foolish!!

In verse 23 we see where and to what depths human philosophy soon led mankind.

Romans 1:23 - And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.



They chose to change the glory of the uncorruptible God into idols that are corruptible.

What does uncorruptible mean?

- Cannot decay
- Cannot _____
- Cannot be ruined

Where they should have been reverently worshipping the immortal, incorruptible God, they began to make for themselves gold and silver representations of what they considered Him to be.

When one thinks on the greatness and infinite majesty of the eternal, incorruptible God, any idolatry must be considered a hideous insult, a vile indignity.

- The only true representation of God is _____ !!

Romans 1:24-25 - Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



This verse is literally saying that they _____ the truth of God for the lies of the devil.

Because they denied the truth of God and believed the lies of the devil, they worshiped and served the creature - idols in the likeness of the image of corruptible man - rather than the Creator, the Almighty God - the One who is blessed forever.

Romans 1:26 - For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.

“For this cause” relates back to what has preceded for the cause or reason of that which is to follow. Because they had changed the truth of God into a lie and because they had worshiped and served the creature over the Creator, God gave them up to vile affections.

He _____ them over. The Gentile’s refusal to acknowledge God as God in verse 21, and the subsequent apostasy, caused God to deliver them over to the lusts of their depraved minds and hearts.



Verse 26 says that God specifically delivered them over unto vile affections - "passion and sensuous feelings belonging to or associated with what is inglorious, disgraceful, and dishonorable.

Romans 1:27 - And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

He says they burned in their lust one toward another. They left the females, those who are to provide for the natural needs of the males within the marital relationship, and they excessively burned in lust toward each other.

This rampant homosexuality was the _____ of their being delivered over unto dishonorable and disgraceful passions.

In summary, we live in a universe that is governed by a Moral God. Every thought and every act will be justly requited or repaid, either directly or indirectly, either presently or in the future, or both.

_____ the Old Testament and New Testament clearly inform us that God will NOT tolerate sexual sins.

Beyond the immediate judgment against those engaged in these sins, there is also the future judgment of sinners. Those who are saved out of a past life of sexual corruption, washed from these sins by the Blood of Christ, may continue to be afflicted with the immediate consequences of these sins, but sheltered in Christ, they will not be judged with the world.

Romans 1:28 - And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

What Paul says in this verse _____ on what he has already said in verses 19-24.

God had manifested a knowledge of Himself among men, namely, His eternal power and deity, through that which He had created. Even though men knew that the Creator was God, they did not glorify Him as God, wherefore He gave them to the lusts of their hearts.

When God made Himself known to them, instead of responding by inclining toward Him and proving His Deity, they were ungrateful.



Instead of these men beginning with the limited knowledge they had through natural revelation, and positively launching out to prove and affirm that God is, they negatively did not glorify Him, were unthankful, and therefore are without excuse.

On account of this, God gave them over to a _____ mind - an unproved mind.

Because they were given over to an unproved mind, they “do the things which are not convenient.” As these men refused to accept the knowledge of God given to them, God gave them over to an unproved mind, which in turn caused them to practice unfitting and unbecoming things according to His standards.

Verses 29-31 gives a list of the sins in which men wished to continue without divine interference. Who can read this catalog of wickedness and deny that it is a true portrayal of mankind without God?

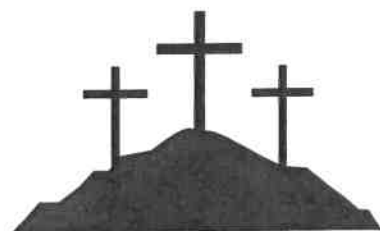
Paul groups this list into two categories:

1. Four words that describe what they became in the very essence of their being.
2. 21 words and phrases to express how their depraved nature manifested itself.

The four words - FILLED WITH ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

This word, unrighteousness, speaks to all that is _____ to what is right and just - not to be right is to be filled with wrongness and not to be just is to be filled with unjustness.

Let's look at the 21 words they are filled with and define them - check out the definitions on the next page!



Wickedness - badness, rottenness, unsoundness

Fornication - illicit sexual intercourse outside of marriage

Covetousness - desire to possess over and above others, greediness, extortion, and overreaching.

Maliciousness - ill will, desire to injure, vicious and injurious attitude towards others.

Full of envy - jealous, begrudging, vindictively rivalling one another

Full of murder - homicidal, killing, slaughtering

Full of debate or strife - contending, quarrelling, and wrangling with each other

Full of deceit - catching with a snare, trickery, fraud, guile, craftiness

Full of malignity - evil frame of mind, and evil character and attitude

Whisperers - secretly attack, slander and malign a person's character

Backbiters - speak against, verbally downgrade, character assassins

Haters of God - one who hates, detests, and expresses enmity and hostility against God.

Despiteful - insulters, act outrageously, atrociously, insolently, insultingly, despicably, etc.

Proud - haughty, appear above, arrogant

Boasters - ostentatious, draw attention to themselves, crave the vain glory and admiration of men

Inventors of evil things - to find or come upon, to discover, to invent or devise that which is bad, foul, or wrong

Disobedient to parents - unpersuaded, uncompliant, not obedient

Without understanding - void, without, and do not have understanding not comprehension of knowledge and truth pertaining to God

Covenant breakers - dishonor and break covenants, repudiate or refuse to agree, faithless in keeping promises

Without natural affection - void of the last vestige or trace of human affection and concern

Unmerciful - void of mercy, pity and compassion, those who are merciless, cruel and brutal

Romans 1:32 - Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worth of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

“Fools indeed! They know in their _____ that God will judge them. They have seen the present results of wicked living and know that God will not tolerate it. Yet they have sunk to such depths of _____ they they not only practice these sins, but have pleasure in those who join them.” - Stam

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**Sin, like a venomous disease,
Infects our vital blood;
The only hope is sovereign grace,
And the Physician, God.**

**Madness by nature reigns within;
The passions burn and rage;
‘Til God’s own Son, with skill divine
The inward fires assuage.**

**We lick the dust, we grasp the wind;
And solid good despise;
Such is the folly of the mind,
‘Til Jesus makes us wise.**

Isaac Watts

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