

The Book of Romans

This Week:

Lesson: Romans Chapter 1.

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Romans Chapter 2

Lesson Text:

Introduction

Romans 1:1-7	Theological introduction <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Establishes Paul (v1, 5)2. Establishes the Gospel (v2)3. Establishes Jesus Christ (v3-4)4. Identifying ministry with Christians in Rome (v6-7)
Romans 1:8-15	'More normal' introduction
Romans 1:16-17	Purpose - The Gospel, by faith

General Revelation

Romans 1:18-20	God made His creation aware of Him
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Depravity of Man

Romans 1:21-23	Rejection of God – Idolatry replacement
Romans 1:24-25	God allows the rejection
Romans 1:26-27	Homosexuality at the forefront of depraved rebellion against God.
Romans 1:28-32	The extent of individual and collective wickedness

Discussion:

- **Note** the depth of logical discourse of the book – this is one where you will need to read the chapter before class each week.
- **Note** the carefully worded declarations of the theological introduction (v 1-7)
- **Discuss** the importance of vs 18-20 and the implications of General Revelation.
- **Discuss** the concept of God “giving mankind over” to their wickedness – is this different from giving up on people? Why is there no judgment?
- **Preview** Chapter 2, note the topical carry-over.

Open Question:

Why do you think this passage highlights idolatry and homosexuality as the primary sins?
What does this mean in today's culture?