

The Lost World--The Rational Sinner!

Romans--The Constitution of Christianity Romans 1:18-32 [NKJV] Part 1

Romans is like a courtroom trial! God is the final **Judge!** Paul is prosecuting attorney. Mankind is on trial. Three witnesses [sinners] are called to testify and we see them in chapters 1, 2, 3, respectively. They are the...

Rational = Reasons God away **Reformed** = Thinks he's good > bad **Religious** = His religion will save him
Verdict is guilty (3:23) and a **Sentence of eternal death** (5:26) under the wrath of God in a prison called HELL.

¹⁸ *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,..* Romans 1:18-20

But isn't God **LOVE?** Yes, but that's only one _____ of God. Also—holy/just/fair/righteous/just/omni's, etc.

If you make part of truth all of the truth, then that partial truth becomes untruth!

Three Things Show Why God's Wrath is Coming or Three Steps to Hell!

STEP 1 Man's _____ Self Determination (19-20) ¹⁹ *because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.* ²⁰ *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,* Romans 1:19-20

But what about someone in the jungles or remote islands? ...they are without excuse, **WHY?**

God Has Revealed Himself to Everyone in two Clear Ways!

Revelation of God's Truth (19) TWO WAYS

1. _____¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest **in them**
they instinctively obey it [God's Law], even without having heard it. ¹⁵ They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. Romans 2:14-15
2. _____¹⁹for God has shown it to them... ²⁰the creation of the world **to them**
Can 0 + 0 = anything but 0?

Reach of God's Truth (Psalm 19:1-4)

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display His craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make Him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to **all the world**.*

Resistance of God's Truth (18) *suppress the truth in unrighteousness*

STEP 2 Man's _____ Self-Deception (19b-23)

1. **Selfish Indifference** (21) ²¹ *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*
2. **Sophisticated ignorance** (22) ²² *Professing to be wise, they became fools,..*
3. **Shameful Idolatry** (23)-- ²³ *and changed [exchanged] the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

Let's also read II Timothy 3:4 Psalm 106:35-38

STEP 3 Man's Self-Destruction (24-32)

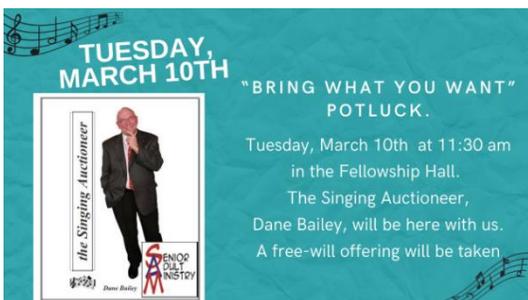
- 1. Sexually Perverted (24-27)** ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ... ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. See also Leviticus 18 Read Luke 17:27-30 2 Peter 2:6 Ezekiel 16:49-50
⁸For Jerusalem will stumble, and Judah will fall, because they speak out against the Lord and refuse to obey Him. They provoke Him to His face. ⁹ The very look on their faces gives them away. They display their sin like the people of Sodom and don't even try to hide it. They are doomed! They have brought destruction upon themselves. Isaiah 3:8-9
- 2. Socially Perverted (28-31)** ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;.... Romans 1:28-31
- 3. Spiritually Perverted (32)** ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:32

We get so used to seeing this wickedness and perversion and we make them our heroes!

Remember that Eternal Life Sentence in Hell BUT Jesus Paid it in full on Cross!

Answers:

Part, Willful, Conscience, Creation, Wicked, Woeful



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Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
The Singing Auctioneer, Dane Bailey, will be here with us. A free-will offering will be taken

The Singing Auctioneer
Dane Bailey
SINGING AUCTIONEER

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,080.00
Weekly Offering Received
March 1, 2020
\$ 11,309.96



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KIDS FUN DAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH
FROM 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
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