

# Romans

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness ([Romans 1:18-32](#))

**Read: God's Wrath on Unrighteousness (1:18-32)**

**Explain: God's Wrath on Unrighteousness (1:18-32)**

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

**18 For the wrath of God** [God's wrath is real and it is \_\_\_\_\_. **Mounce:** **People cannot turn their backs on God with impunity.** There is entitlement for God in salvation.] **is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.** **19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them** [God Himself communicates to \_\_\_\_\_ men His existence. There is no entitlement for man in salvation.]. **20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived** [Clearly means sees with 20-20 vision. Perceived means fully understood. The conclusion is clear: man is \_\_\_\_\_.], **ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse** [Moo quoting **Berkhof:** **Man becomes guilty because something essential does reach him.**]. **21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.** **22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,** **23 and exchanged the glory** [see [Psalm 106:20](#); [Jeremiah 2:11](#)] **of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things** [**Amy Valovcin on Hughes:** **He mentions that the things that they worshiped showed a progressive degeneration, ending in crawly things.**].

**24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,** **25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.**

**26** For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

**28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind [Wiersbe: God revealed his wrath not by sending fire from heaven but by abandoning sinful men to their lustful ways] to do what ought not to be done. **29** They were filled with [Keller: This passage prompts us to look for places where we are envious, slanderous, disloyal, lustful and so on. These things are the indication that we are worshiping an idol; that something other than God has become our functional master.] all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, **30** slanderers [], haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **32** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_
2. God's communication is \_\_\_\_\_
3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ for suppressing truth

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Don't rush past God's \_\_\_\_\_
2. Stop trying to do God's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Uncover \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week: God's Righteous Judgment (2:1-11)

## Homework

### Resources

- Holy Spirit
- The Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: [bit.ly/FlemingSS](http://bit.ly/FlemingSS)
- Tools: [bit.ly/romans2017](http://bit.ly/romans2017)

### Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (to someone in our class)
- Send (your feedback to Jim ([jim314@yahoo.com](mailto:jim314@yahoo.com)) by Wed