

## ROMANS 2

1. Why did Paul choose to become a slave of Jesus Christ?

-Because Paul was thankful to Christ for saving him from sin, death, and Satan.

2. What does it mean that Paul was called to be an apostle?

-It means that Paul was chosen by the Lord Jesus Himself.

-It was the Lord Jesus Himself who sent out Paul as His representative to teach others God's Word.

3. What does it mean to be called to be saints?

-It means that God has called us to be holy.

-It means that God has called us to be of God, and not to be of the world.

4. Why did Paul say that he was in debt to all people?

-Because Jesus had given the Word of God to Paul so that Paul could give it to others.

5. To whom is the Gospel entrusted these days?

-To all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Why was Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?

-Because the Gospel alone can save people from death.

-Because the Gospel alone is the most powerful message in the world.

7. What could be a title or name for the Book of Romans?

-The righteousness of God

-In the last lesson, Paul introduced himself to the Christians in Rome.

-Now, after the introduction, we come to the first theme in Romans.

-The first theme is this: "All People are Unrighteous Before God."

-In this part of the letter, God and Paul begin teaching that all people are not righteous before God.

Let's read Romans 1:18

18-The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

-When did God reveal his anger against sin?

-When God kicked Adam and Eve out of the garden, He revealed His anger against sin.

-People can no longer live with God in the Garden of Eden because of God's anger against sin.

-When God cursed the soil of the earth, He revealed His anger against sin.

-Crops in the fields can no longer grow well because of God's anger against sin.

-When God destroyed the whole world with a flood, He revealed His anger against sin.

-Except for Noah and his family in the ark, all of the people in the world were destroyed because of God's anger against sin.

-Except for the animals in the ark, all of the animals in the world were destroyed because of God's anger against sin.

-When God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire, He revealed His anger against sin.

-All of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed except for Lot and his two daughters because of God's anger against sin.

-When God punished Pharaoh and all of the Egyptians with the ten plagues, He revealed His anger against sin.

-All of the firstborn sons of the Egyptians were destroyed because of God's anger against sin.

-When God sent poisonous snakes against Israel, He revealed His anger against sin.

-Many of the Israelites died from the poisonous snakes because of God's anger against sin.

-Sickness and hurt should remind us of God's anger against sin.

-The graves of all people should remind us of God's anger against sin.

-What is the greatest sign that God has revealed His anger against sin?

-When God crucified the Lord Jesus for our sins on the cross.

-Upon whom was God's anger for our sin poured out?  
-His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

-God wanted to pour out His anger for our sin on the Lord Jesus so that His people would not have to die.

-If you believe in Christ, God's anger for your sin has already been poured out on Christ on the cross.

-If you do not believe in Christ, however, you will suffer the complete anger of God for your sin.

-If you do not believe in Christ, you will suffer eternal death in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

Let's read again Romans 1:18

18-The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

-What pushes down and tries to kill the truth of God?

-The evil of people.

-The lies of people.

-This is another reason why God hates sin because the sin of people pushes down and tries to kill the truth.

-Is evil more powerful than truth?

-No.

-Why not?

-Because truth is of God.

-Because truth is also God because God is truth.

-Therefore, God and His truth is the only true power in eternity.

-When people lie, what are we doing?

-We are pushing down the truth.

-We are trying to kill the truth.

-When people sin, what are we doing?

-We are pushing down God.

-We are trying to kill God.

-God does not want us to sin because God does not want us to push down the truth.

-God does not want us to sin because God knows that truth is our friend while evil is our enemy.

Let's read Romans 1:19-20

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.

-Why are people without excuse regarding the truths of God?

-Because God has clearly shown all people.

-How has God clearly shown all people?

-With the world that God has created.

-With the sun, moon, and stars, God has clearly shown us all that He alone is God.

-With the mountains, the trees, and the oceans, God has clearly shown us all that He alone is God.

-With all of the different fish and animals and birds, God has clearly shown us all that He alone is God.

-With the lives of many different people, God has clearly shown us that He alone is God.

-Here is an illustration:

-When you are walking in the bush, you come to a mud hut that is very well built.

-Next to the house is a garden with many different kinds of vegetables in it with a fence to protect the garden.

-Hanging on a rope next to the house are some nice clothes that have just been washed.

-What would you think?

-That someone lived there, and that they were living very well.

-In the same way, just by looking, we can know that God exists and that He cares for people.

-Even though people can know God by looking at that which He has created, what do people do?

Let's read Romans 1:21-22

21-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.

22-Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.

-The Word of God says that even though people know of God, they still reject Him.

-What happens when people reject God?

-Their thinking becomes wrong, and their hearts become dark.

-When Cain did not give a proper sacrifice, God spoke with Cain, trying to help him.

-Cain, however, rejected God.

-His thinking became wrong, his heart became dark, and Cain killed Abel.

-In the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, the people rejected God.

-Their thinking became wrong, their hearts became dark, and the men committed sexual sins with one another.

-Therefore, God destroyed everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah.

-While Noah was building the ark, he spoke to the people, hoping that they would believe in God.

-The people, however rejected God.

-Their thinking became wrong, their hearts became dark, and all of the people on earth were destroyed except Noah and his family.

-The Word of God says that these people think that they are wise, but they are only fools.

Let's read Romans 1:23

23-[They] exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

-People's hearts become dark, and they worship people instead of God.

-People's hearts become dark, and they worship birds and animals and reptiles instead of God.

-People's hearts become dark, and they worship the sun and the moon instead of God.

-People's hearts become dark, and they worship mountains and forests and rivers instead of God.

-Because the people of Ur where Abraham lived worshiped idols, God took Abraham to the new land of Canaan.

-Because the Egyptians worshiped animals, the sun, and their river, God punished them, and took Israel back to the land of Canaan.

-Because Israel made and worshiped the golden calf, God destroyed three thousand people.

-Because people reject God, what does God do?

Let's read Romans 1:24-27

24-Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

25-They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen.

26-Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

27-In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with

other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

-Because people reject God, God allows them to follow the wicked desires of their own hearts.

-If people want to sin more and more, God allows them to sin more and more.

-As people allow more sin in their lives, their lives become even more evil.

Let's read Romans 1:28-32

28-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.

29-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.

32-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.

-What happens when people refuse to believe in God?

-God gives them over to evil, and evil becomes their master.

-Instead of being children of God, they become children of evil.

-Instead of being servants of God, they become servants of evil.

-Not only do these people continue with evil, they also persuade others to do evil with them.

-This is the work of evil in the hearts of people.

-You start with a little evil, but this is not enough.

-Then you continue with more evil, but this is not enough.

-When you become very evil, this is also not enough, and you persuade others to do evil with you.

-Evil is never satisfied.

-Evil is always looking to do more evil.

-People do not understand how wicked evil is.

-This is why God wants to keep all people from evil.

-Evil wants to kill all people.