

In Need of Saving (part 1) - Romans 1:18 - 2:11

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Paul's first big teaching section of Romans is all about God's righteousness, the holy righteousness of God that condemns us as guilty. The section of scripture that we read this week reminds of some uncomfortable truths. We are all sinners. God's wrath is what we deserve, and even more uncomfortably, that his wrath will be poured out. God's wrath is the reality for anyone who does not put their trust in Jesus Christ.

Accountable to God (Romans 3:19-20)

- The _____ is accountable to God.
- God is the judge of my _____ and _____. He _____ what is right and wrong.
- Key question - Who is _____ God (or god)?

God's Love ... and Wrath??? (Romans 1:18-23)

- A God of love must _____ anything that harms those he loves.
- God's _____ is his _____ and holy response to humanity's sin and rebellion.
- God is _____ and that is exactly why he will not stand idly by while the evil of sin consumes his _____.
- God's wrath is being revealed against humanity's _____ of their Creator.

God Gave Them Up (Romans 1:24-32)

- God gives us over to our sin so that we can experience its _____ and _____ to him.
- We sink lower and lower into _____ - experiencing more and more of the brokenness and consequences of our sin.

You! (Romans 2:1-11)

- You can't even do what _____ think is _____.
- You _____ God and exalt _____.
- You are _____ the very thing you need _____ from.

When we sit with our reality, we recognize that God's wrath is what we really deserve. How can our response to the gift of grace be anything other than repentance? God didn't send his son Jesus to die on the cross so that we would be free **to** sin. Jesus died so that we could be free **from** sin.

Next Week: Romans 1:18 - 3:20