

Romans 1:1-3:20
“Sin”

As talked about in the Overview of Romans, the central theme of the Book is the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel of His Son. In this first section of Romans, Paul introduces the “wrath of God” as a necessary response of a perfect and holy God to the violations of His will. God’s wrath is a reality that people must reckon with. Paul will details the ways in which God’s wrath is inflicted and, especially, the reason why He inflicts that wrath.

1. This month read through this section of Romans regularly. Memorize 1:16-18
2. What clue does Paul suggest in vs 18 is the reason for God’s wrath? Think about the word “suppress” what does it mean, and what does it imply?
3. In verses 19-21, What are the 3 basic points that Paul makes regards people not responding as they should to the truth God has revealed to them?
4. In verses 22-32 Paul goes on to describe the devastating effects of the universal human decision to spurn the God who reveals himself in the natural world. Specifically, in vs 23, 25, and 26, there is a repeated pattern with tragic consequences. What one word does Paul repeat in those verses that is the cause of these consequences?
5. Summarize, what two kinds of sins (in one word each) Paul focuses on in this passage.
6. What is the general indictment that Paul describes as the results of God’s wrath in human history?

7. In what ways might the wrath of God be evident in the world today? How might we know what events or circumstances are the product of that wrath?
8. What does the natural revelation of God mean for the state of those people who have never heard the gospel?
9. Name some modern idols that Christians may not be recognizing as idols at all.