

Romans – Study 1
Sermon on 9 Feb 2020

Chapter 1.

Read Romans 1:1 – 17.

1. How does Paul identify himself in these verses? What does this tell us about Paul?
2. Paul summarizes the Gospel in v1-5. Discuss. What is its origin? How has it been made known? Who is its central focus? For whom is it given? For what purpose?
3. What does Paul mean by the phrase “the obedience that comes from faith”?
4. How does Paul describe the people to whom he is writing (v6-8)? What is his relationship with them (v8-13)?
5. What three statements about himself show Paul’s zeal and commitment (v14-16)? Discuss the implication of these ideas in your own life (i.e. Are you under an obligation, a debtor? Why? Are you eager? For what? Are you ashamed of the Gospel? Why? If not, why not?)
6. What does Paul believe about the Gospel (v16, 17)? How does his relate to his zeal?
7. Martin Luther wrote that v17 became to him “a gateway to heaven”. What’s so significant about the ideas in this verse?

Read Romans 1:18 – 32.

8. Contrast the two things being revealed in v17 and v18. Against whom is God's wrath directed? Why?

9. On what basis is mankind without excuse? In what ways does man refuse to honour God (v19- 23)?

10. Why is "giving thanks" important? What does thankfulness indicate in a relationship?

11. Why did God "gave them over" (v24, 26, 28) How is this evidence of God's wrath?

12. What is the significance of v25?

13. How would you define sin? Note the variety of sins listed in v24-32. In what ways are they similar? Why does Paul lump such a diversity of sins together? What happens when someone leaves God out of their thinking?

14. As defined in this passage, what attitude toward God characterises sin?

15. By contrast, what characterises the attitude with which a person comes into a right relationship with God?