



The Sin of Mankind

ROMANS 1:18-32

EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW _____.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made ... vv. 19-20

WHERE IT GOES BAD FOR MANKIND ...

_____ faith in God and foolishly pursuing worldly wisdom

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men ...
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. Claiming to be wise, they became fools ... vv. 18a, 21-22*

_____ what is true and right for a counterfeit

*... and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves ... vv. 23-24*

_____ from God by submitting to the temporary over the eternal

... 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. v. 25

WHAT THE EFFECTS ARE ...

Dishonorable _____

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 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. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. vv. 26-28

Rampant _____

They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. vv. 29-31

Deadly _____

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. v. 32

BUT _____

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved ... Ephesians 2:4-5



HOW DOES SOMEONE WHO IS LOST IN SIN FIND FREEDOM?

- ① Acknowledge God and His ways as true and right.
- ② Focus on your heavenly Father running toward you.
- ③ Receive His grace and forgiveness as you move toward Him.
- ④ Stay home.

HOW DOES A CHRISTIAN LOVE SOMEONE WELL WHO IS LOST IN SIN?

- ① See their sin rightly.
- ② Approach them with compassion, in full awareness of your own sin and need of grace.
- ③ Care enough to share and model what is true.
- ④ Sit on the porch.

ROAD TO REDEMPTION

DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 1:18-32. Why do people not want to admit their guilt? How have you experienced this yourself?
2. In verse 20, what aspects of God noted here provide evidence of His existence? Give examples of what each looks like.
3. People crave meaning, so when they reject God they worship other "idols" in His place (v. 23). What people, places or things are celebrated as idols?
4. How are our attitudes toward identity and sexuality affected when we deny God? What occurs as a result?
5. When we examine the list of sins worthy of death in verses 29-31, what do we realize about our own sin as a fellow member of the human race? Why is this important to understand?
6. In what ways do you struggle to reconcile God's wrath toward sin with His love for us?

If you know someone who has rejected God and is lost in sin, how can you "sit on the porch" and intercede for them this week?

"The moment we embark on a study of the Roman epistle we are confronted with the statement that the wrath of God is part of the righteousness of God—a concept so unnerving to many and distasteful to others that innumerable attempts have been made to avoid the subject. Even a cursory glance at Paul's argument, however, will show that any attempt to avoid what he had to say about the wrath of God at the beginning of his presentation of the gospel would be disastrous. The answer to the problem of the 'wrath of God' is to be found in understanding it, not avoiding it. ... But divine wrath should never be confused with human anger for it contains none of the uncontrolled passion, the unreasonable outbursts, the self-vindication that are the unfortunate ingredients of human wrath. God's wrath is 'right': it is a holy response to the unholy, a just reaction to the unjust, a pure rejection of the impure. In fact, for God not to express wrath at much of what goes on in our world would be wrong. Not only is His wrath intrinsically right—failure to respond in wrath would be intrinsically wrong."

STUART BRISCOE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DIGITAL RESOURCES Throughout the week, grow in faith and encourage others to do the same! Check out Christ Chapel's digital resources by visiting our social media channels, YouTube, website and brand-new app! Each resource comes with content that helps all of us continue to Be disciples, Make disciples and Reach out to more of the 800,000 for God's glory, the good of the community and for our faith to increase in Jesus!

REACH OUT LOCALLY God loves the people of Fort Worth, and our heart is to tell each person in the city that truth. From supporting mothers experiencing an unexpected pregnancy to running disaster relief efforts nationwide, there's a place for you to use your gifts, interests and faith to make a difference. Find out more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/local.

STUDENT MINISTRY'S SUMMER PLANS Community is happening beyond the school semesters, and this summer, it's waiting for you, students! Our teams are thrilled to host summer events, hangouts and more chances for you to continue growing in your relationship with Jesus. Get ready for upcoming events by checking out the calendars on our student page at www.ccbcfamily.org/students.

CHECK OUT THE EMBARK CLASS Embark is our new "get to know Christ Chapel" class – great for anyone who wants to go deeper with us or is considering membership. Whether you've been here a few weeks or a few decades, Embark will help you learn more about Christ Chapel, find your best next step and meet staff. Learn more today at www.ccbcfamily.org/embark.

BE, MAKE AND REACH WITH LIVE PRODUCTION If you have experience and interest in live production and camera operation, we'd love to chat with you about volunteering with our Production Team. Get the conversation started by visiting @christchapelproduction on Instagram and send us a message today.

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