ROMANS

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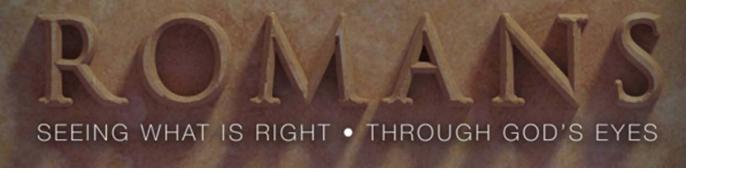
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Quick Review

- •Module 1 "Condemned"
- •The gospel = more than sentences 16 chapters!
- Declares the Righteousness of God
- •God has made Himself known to all
- •We have suppressed the truth
- •We reap what we sow God has given us over God's Wrath to let us live with our choices
 - 1. To our physical lusts and idolatry 1:24-25
 - 2. To sexual immorality and especially the practice of homosexual acts 1:26-27
 - 3. To depraved minds a huge list of relational sins 1:28-32



The Roman Church Culture

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 - •Mature believers, new believers, immature, non believers, seekers, hypocrites
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Direct Application to Our Culture

- Our church today:
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Which are you?

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Romans 2:1- 3:20 (Read 2:1-5,17-24; 3:1-4, 9-20) pg. 796 pew bible



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- Judge or related words in Greek text 15X in chapters
 2 & 3 (10X in 2:1-16!)
- 2. When I condemn (judge) someone for any of the 3 "God gave them overs" (1:24-32) I condemn myself
- 3. We are judged for our actions, not our knowledge
- 4. We are not judged for what we don't know
- 5. Key word v1-3 practice (ESV, NASB, NKJV)



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- 1. You (who have the biblical truth) pride yourself in having and broadcasting the truth yet you dishonour God because you don't keep it
- 2. God's name is blasphemed because of you!
- 3. God looks to the heart, not religious behaviour, we need the Holy Spirit.



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- 1. So what is the advantage of being a follower of Jesus ?
- 2. Everything! You have been <u>entrusted</u> with the <u>truth</u>!
- 3. Beware you are seriously accountable!



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4. Proclaimers *not* Condemners 3:9-20

- 1. Everyone Jew (Christian) and secular are all in serious trouble
- 2. It is not us them

3. God's law (Word) makes us all accountable

4. The law (Word) – reveals our guilt



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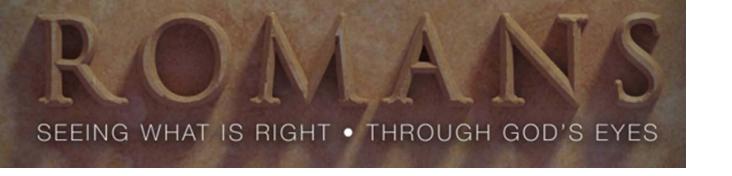
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- 4. A friend is guilty of anything listed in Romans 1:24-32
 - •Unmerciful, gossip, idolater, deceitful, disobedient to parents, sexually immoral, committing homosexual acts etc. ... What do you do?
 - a. Help them affirm them?
 - b. Mind your own business to do otherwise is to judge?
 - c. Warn them with tears and humble brokenness that God will hold them accountable just as he holds you accountable?



Where does that leave me?

- 1. Any hint of moral superiority is disgusting before God and man
- 2. What you know is of little value it is what you practice that is of infinite importance
- 3. To ignore or (if anything worse) to affirm or what the God of the universe says is wrong is a <u>massive</u> <u>compromise</u> (you think secular society is hard on you? What about Judgement day?)
- 4. To ignore or affirm is to condemn someone to God's judgement without loving them with the gospel!
- 5. God is looking for humble, broken, spirit filled followers of Jesus, to speak the truth. Is that you?