

Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

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It takes about 1 hour
to read Romans out loud.

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For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith to faith, as it is written,
“The righteous shall live by faith.”

(Romans 1:16-17)

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“The gospel is the power of God for salvation”

Salvation from what?

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...as it is written,
"The righteous shall live by faith."

We will see
this a lot!

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, **because God has shown it to them.**  **!!!**

(Romans 1:17-19)

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For what can be known about God is plain to them, because **God has shown it to them.**

For His invisible attributes – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

So they are **without excuse.**

(Romans 1:19-20)

Deity



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So they are **without excuse**.

For although they knew God, they did not honour 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, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

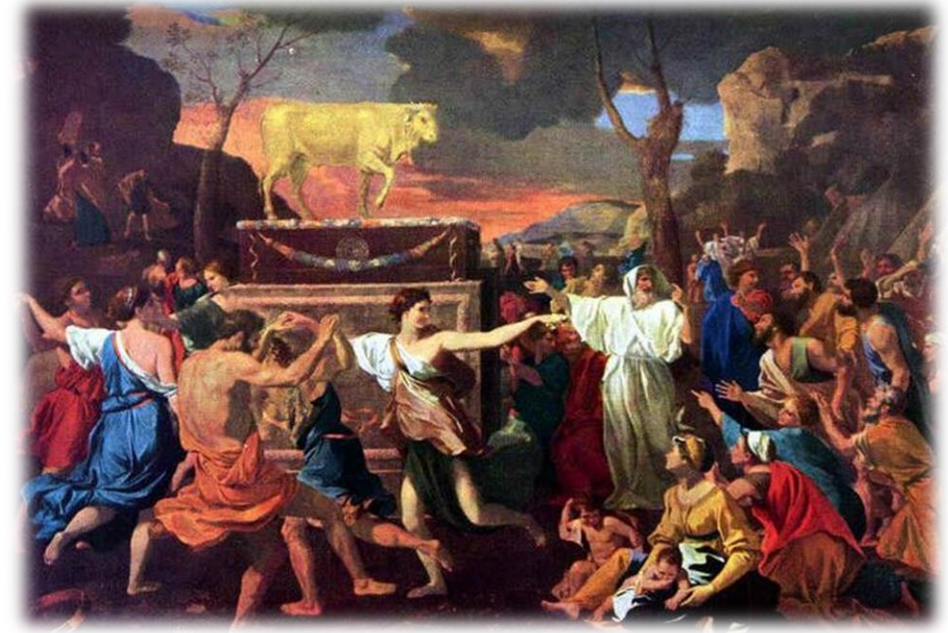
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Unrestrained,
left alone



Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, **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.

(Romans 1:24-25)

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They exchanged the truth about God for a lie...

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.

(Romans 1:26-27)

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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.

(Romans 1:28)

Not passing the test,
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God gave them up to a **debased mind**...

They were **filled** with:

- unrighteousness
- evil
- covetousness
- malice
- 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



(See Romans 1:29-31)

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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.

What things?

(Romans 1:32)



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“The gospel is the power of God for salvation”

Salvation from what?

- The natural world reveals the invisible God.
- Mankind has rebelled against this revelation.
- God has given us over to our own sinful desires.
- Our response has been pride, not repentance.

but...

To all who are in Rome... **grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:7)



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“The gospel says that you are
more sinful and flawed
than you ever dared believe and
more accepted and loved
than you ever dared hope.”

- Tim Keller



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