

Alpha and Omega

Romans 1:18-32

The fall

Adam and Eve sinned, and paradise was lost.

God's present wrath

God reveals Himself through creation. Romans 1:18-20

- God's natural revelation is available to all people.
- We're held responsible by God because He has revealed Himself through His creation.
- We have no excuse to not seek out our creator.

Rebellious man chooses to suppress the truth about God and will experience God's wrath.

- Romans 1:18
- God's wrath is His controlled and just response to sin.
 - Hebrews 10:27
 - Hebrews 10:31
- God's wrath is poured out now and in the future.

Rebellious man refuses to glorify or thank God.

- Romans 1:21-22
- Those who rebel have foolish thinking and hardened hearts.
 - Ephesians 4:18-19

We're all worshipers, created to worship and glorify God.

- Rebellious man chooses to worship idols instead of God.
 - Romans 1:23
- An idol is anything we choose to disobey God over because we want it more than we want God. – Tim Keller
- What are your idols: _____
- God's present wrath gives us over to our sin and all of its consequences. Rom.1:24 What are some of your consequences? _____
- God gives sinful man over to degrading sexual impurity.
- God designed sex to be enjoyed by a man and woman in marriage. List His Garden of Eden design: _____

Rebellious man exchanges God's truth for a lie.

- Romans 1:25-27
- All sexual sin is equally sin in God's eyes.
- Sexual sin is damaging.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:15, 18
- We can be forgiven, healed, and delivered of sexual sin.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:11

Rebellious man's mind is depraved because he refused the knowledge of God.

- Romans 1:28
- Many sins flow from man's depraved mindset.
 - Romans 1:29-31 We all make the list!
 - Which one do you ID with today _____?
- Man's depravity leads him to approve of sin in others.
 - Romans 1:32
 - Matthew 18:6

We escape God's wrath through faith in Jesus who took God's wrath intended for us.

- Ephesians 2:3-5, Isa. 53 :3-6

Action Steps

- Look for God in His creation. Glorify and thank God for all He has done for you.
- Ask God to show you any ways that you have exchanged His truth for a lie or refused His knowledge.
- Share the good news of God's grace with someone.

Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸ For God's [holy] wrath *and* indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress *and* hinder the truth *and* make it inoperative.¹⁹ For that which is known about God is evident to them *and* made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.²⁰ For ever since the creation of the

world His invisible nature *and* attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible *and* clearly discernible in *and* through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification],²¹ Because when they knew *and* recognized Him as God, they did not honor *and* glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile *and* [Ⓜ]godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened.²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].²³ And by them the glory and majesty *and* excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for *and* represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],²⁵ Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it).²⁶ For this reason God gave them over *and* abandoned them to vile affections *and* degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural *and* abnormal one,²⁷ And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own [Ⓜ]bodies *and* personalities the inevitable consequences *and* penalty of their wrong-doing *and* going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.²⁸ And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God *or* approve of Him *or* consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to abase *and* condemned mind to do things not proper *or* decent *but* loathsome,²⁹ Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping *and* covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy *and* jealousy, murder, strife, deceit *and* treachery, ill will *and* cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters *and* gossipers,³⁰ Slanderers, hateful to *and* hating God,

full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient *and* undutiful to parents.³¹ [They were] without understanding, conscienceless *and* faithless, heartless *and* loveless [and] merciless.³² Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve *and* applaud others who practice them.

1 Cor.6: 15-20⁵ Do you not see *and* know that your bodies are members (bodily parts) of Christ (the Messiah)? Am I therefore to take the parts of Christ and make [them] parts of a prostitute? Never! Never!¹⁶ Or do you not know *and* realize that when a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? The two, it is written, shall become one flesh.¹⁷ But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.¹⁸ Shun immorality *and* all sexual looseness [flee from impurity in thought, word, or deed]. Any other sin which a man commits is one outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own,²⁰ You were bought with a price [purchased with a [Ⓜ]preciousness and paid for, [Ⓜ]made His own]. So then, honor God *and* bring glory to Him in your body.

1Cor 6:11¹¹ And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.

Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows *and* pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]