

Romans: Lesson 3

The Unrighteousness of Man

Lesson Text: Romans 1:18-32

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

Study Guide Questions:

1. 1:17 spoke of the revealing of God's righteousness. What revelation is contrasted with this in 1:18-32 (note specifically 1:18)?
2. What is the "truth" (1:18) that is suppressed by the unrighteousness of men? (1:20)
3. What was the first mistake made by the unrighteous? (1:21) Where in the progression of unrighteousness does idolatry take place?
4. List all the things the unrighteous did (or that were changed about them) before "God gave them up...."
5. To what did "God [give] them up? (1:24, 26, 28f) See also Psalms 81:11-16.
6. Consider, is Paul describing a specific subset of people in this section (e.g. Jews, non-Jews, etc.) or referring broadly to all people?
7. From this context, what might be the revealing of God's wrath that's referenced in 1:18?