

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 1:18-23

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All Rise – Part 3

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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Romans 1:18-23

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All Rise

1.) All rise to hear

vs. 18-19

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1a.) To hear of God's wrath

vs. 18a

1b.) To hear of God's righteousness

vs. 18b

1c.) To hear of God's justice

vs. 19

2.) All rise to see

vs. 20-21

Verse 20-21

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2a.) To see the evidence

vs. 20a

2b.) To see the obvious

vs. 20b-21a

2c.) To see the judgement

vs. 21b

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All Rise To Hear

2a.) To see the evidence

vs. 20a

Verse 20a

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,

creation grk: ktisis; the act of or the production of assumed intelligence, thought, planning, purpose, concept

Invisible attributes // clearly seen

(this is no contradiction – but rather – it is a revelation)

invisible grk: aoratos; the evidence that provides the unseen realty of a person.

Understood grk: noieo, to exercise the mind by observance or by exposure, to challenge the capacities of the mind, to ponder, meditate, consider

Made grk: poiema; *a work, a known and obvious work of design, the evidence of planning or precision. Craftsmanship, workmanship.*

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ya know what this means? – it means that

there is a grand, intelligent purpose meaning – YOUR LIFE MATTERS

All Rise To See

2b.) To see the obvious

vs. 20b-21a

Verse 20b-21a

even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

excuse grk: anapologetos; without (unacceptable) excuse – to bring up nothing that can cover, no alibi, having nothing effective to say, having nothing, no defense.

It is through His “Creation Witness” that we understand that there are Natural Laws or Observable Laws in Action. Through them - His glory and power are on display.

Dr. A.E. Wilder-Smith

“God, having left to us a witness, has given to us two Bibles. One we see is the word of God, in print before us on paper, in black-and-white. The second is the physical creation of God’s witness that is revealed in the physical universe that is before us.”

(but not His salvation – that only comes through the witness of Jesus Christ)

It’s from this reality that comes that those ancient questions:
Who am I? **What** am I? **When** am I? **Where** am I? **Why** am I?

Verse 21a

21a because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful,

The Effect of Such Grandeur is this:

Romans 3:19

Now we know that whatever the law says, (+ all the Laws of God from His written Law to Natural Law) it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world might become guilty before God.

stopped grk: phrasso; to be shut up or locked shut, to stop the mouth – having no words.

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Listen to Robert Jastrow

Nasa Director of the Goddard Space Center

“At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” Jastrow continues; "Astronomers now find they have painted themselves into a corner because they have proven, by their own methods, that the world began abruptly in an act of creation to which you can trace the seeds of every star, every planet, every living thing in this cosmos and on the earth. And they have found that all this happened as a product of forces they cannot hope to discover. That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact."

“They Are Without Excuse”

The more technology we invent – the clearer we understand the Biblical record.

LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood,

CURRENTS IN THE SEA

Psalms 8:8

The birds of (on) the air, and the fish of (under) the sea that pass through (subway) the paths of the seas.

THE HYDRO'LOGICAL CYCLE

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7

The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around (not flat and flat) it goes, blowing in circles. 7 Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea.

THE EARTH IN SPACE

Job 26:7

He stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

THE EARTH IS ROUND

Job 26:10

He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,

Clue: start sailing west from Newport Beach and see what happens

Verse 21b

21b they did not glorify Him as God,
nor were thankful,

glorify grk: doxazo; to render or to esteem as being glorious, magnificent, awe inspiring (awesome), praise-worthy, speaking of an overwhelming experience which leads to humility.

The Inescapable Witness of God

2c.) To see the judgement

vs. 21b

Verse 21b

but (result of, or because) became futile in their thoughts,
and their foolish hearts were darkened.

“Quietly and invisibly God’s wrath descends upon them, in that moment when God hands the unforgiven, unprotected sinner over to themselves.” - **John Stott**

Notice Here:

Once they depart from the truth of God – they embark upon a self-conscious, self-centered, self-absorbed life, resulting action is a self-glorifying lifestyle – in the pursuit of pleasuring themselves.

Futile grk: mataioo: empty, unable to hold or to sustain, to make impossible claims, to cling to unnatural or untrue arguments, illogical assumptions or to guess – to be empty.

Jeremiah said: To carve out cisterns that can hold no water – a cracked or leaking reservoir.
The Implication is: “your mind has got a hole in it.”

Thoughts grk: dialogismos: reasoning, logic, argumentation, disputing

From a personal argument against the existence of God, then to a sense of condemnation from having no excuse, their thoughts go off the course, off of reality, off of science, evidence, reason... leading to fatality

Proverbs 23:7

For as a man thinks (internal perspective, views, opinions, worldview) in his heart, so is he.

foolish hearts grk: asunetos; from 1 (as a neg. pref.) and 4908; without understanding: — foolish(1), lacking in understanding(2), without understanding(2).

Darkened grk: skotizo; the going from blurred vision to clouded vision to seeing shadows to blindness.

Absolutely Terrifying!

It is here that God reveals to us that a person who is determined to reject God, and live without God has no protection against evil and, in fact, eventually desires evil - - to them comes His sentencing.

At this point God's wrath falls upon them and they are left to their on desires - they become "reprobate" or "debased" or "perverted"

It is not that God intervenes with wrath -
It's that He no longer intervenes to save you from the wrath.

Romans 1:24

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Romans 1:26

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Romans 1:28

As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Matthew 6:22-23

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“I have given them up” says God.
I AM now turning away from them

All Rise

3.) All rise to know

vs. 22-23

3a.) To know the truth

vs. 22

Verse 22

22 Professing to be wise,
they became fools,

professing grk: phasko; to affirm oneself, to assert oneself, to then mutually affirm one another. To clap or to cheer on each other, to “philosophy” or to “pontificate” in the round.

“I don’t believe in God because – I am my god”

Men professing themselves to be having god-like-attributes while denying the existence of the One True God.

wise grk: ophos; skilled, equipped, the wiser.

The implication is - man becomes the determining authority.

I find it interesting in this day that the socialist movement

that America is embracing is a religion that elevates man and replaces God.

fools grk: moraino; to be become foolish, become tasteless, (2), made foolish(1).

All Rise To Hear

3b.) To know the reality

vs. 23a

Verse 23a

23 and changed the glory of
the incorruptible God

changed grk: allasso to go about to alter, edit, change or exchange, by intention.

This is an all-encompassing indictment.

The Bible defines an unbeliever – as one being a believer in something else
other than God Himself.

“Can I Exchange This?”

“if the real God is in your way – exchange Him for some other god.”

incorruptible grk: aphthartos imperishable, unable to decay or diminish.

All Rise To Hear

3c.) To know the consequences

vs. 23b

Verse 23b

into an image made like corruptible (1^{st.}) man –
and (2^{nd.}) birds and (3^{rd.}) four-footed animals and (4^{th.}) creeping things. (snake)

image grk: eikon; a crafted work, a statue, a form.

made like grk: homoioma: that which is made like (something): —appearance, that which
reflects one’s own image, desire, identity, an idol, a man-made god or goddess
that looks and acts like you - an idol is a reflection of its maker.

corruptible grk: phthartos; rotting, perishable that which expires, limited – best used by
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