



Romans 1-8

THE SALVATION MESSAGE

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The Justice of God Revealed

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I. Romans 1:1-17 – The Justice of God Introduced and the Message of Salvation

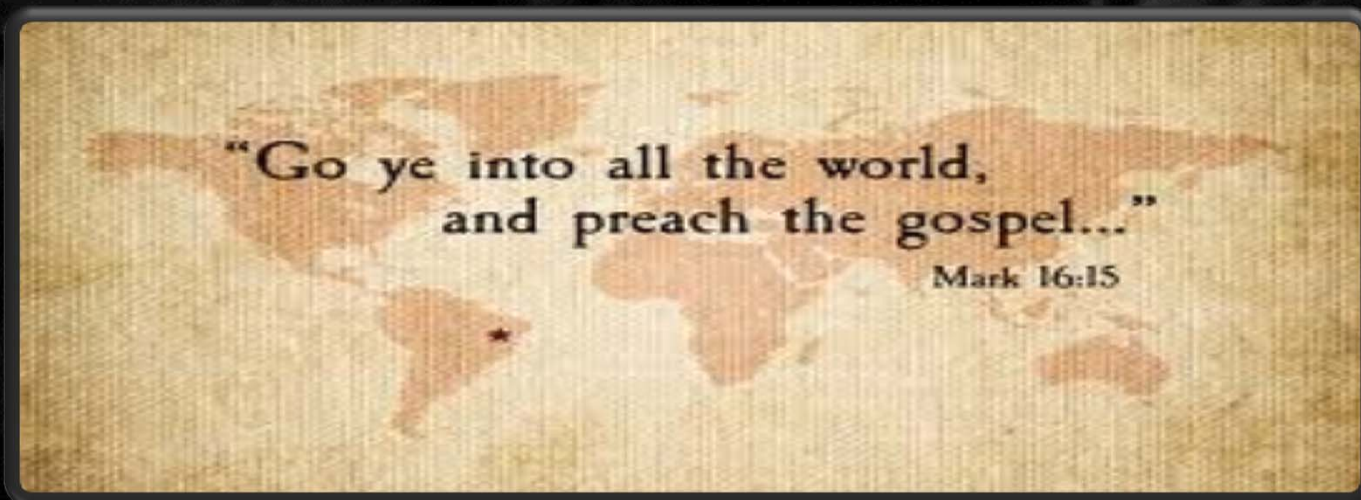
A. Romans 1:1-5 – Paul's Accountability to the Gospel.

1. Romans 1:1a – His **mentality** was that of a bond-servant.



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2. Romans 1:1b – His **master** was Jesus Christ.
3. Romans 1:1c – His **ministry** was that of an apostle. An apostle is a person who is sent.
4. Romans 1:1d-4 – His **message** was the Gospel of God.

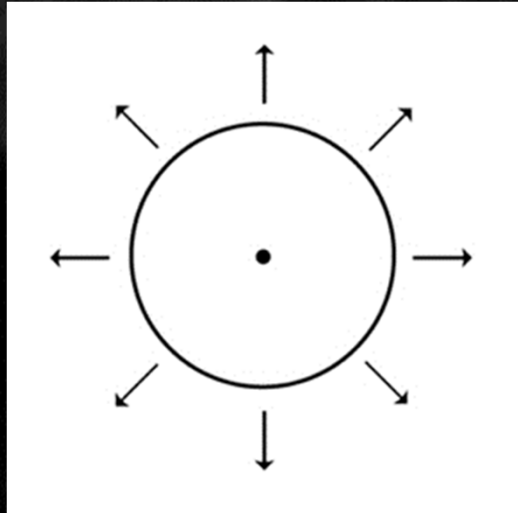


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- a) Romans 1:1d – The **Gospel** is good news from God to undeserving sinners.
- b) Romans 1:2 – The **Gospel** was promised in the Old Testament.



The A-Historical Nature of Greco-Roman Mythology, Mysticism & Philosophy



The Judeo-Christian Historical Consciousness has a remarkable interior attitude toward history, precisely of its strong emphasis on historical promises, prophecies – and especially because of the Incarnation of the Son of God. Even at the 2nd Coming, Jesus Christ will Break into history to consummate it.

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- c) Romans 1:3 – The **Gospel** is about one Person, Jesus Christ.
- d) Romans 1:3-4 – The Gospel is about Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

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- 1) Romans 1:3 – In His humanity, Jesus, a descendant of David, was the prophesied eternal heir to the throne of David. 2 Samuel 7:16, Psalm 89:34-37
- 2) Romans 1:4 – As the God-man, Jesus was declared (proven) to be the Son of God.

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- a. By the power of the resurrection from the dead
- b. By the Spirit of holiness (perfectly sinless) throughout His life -
Hebrews 4:15



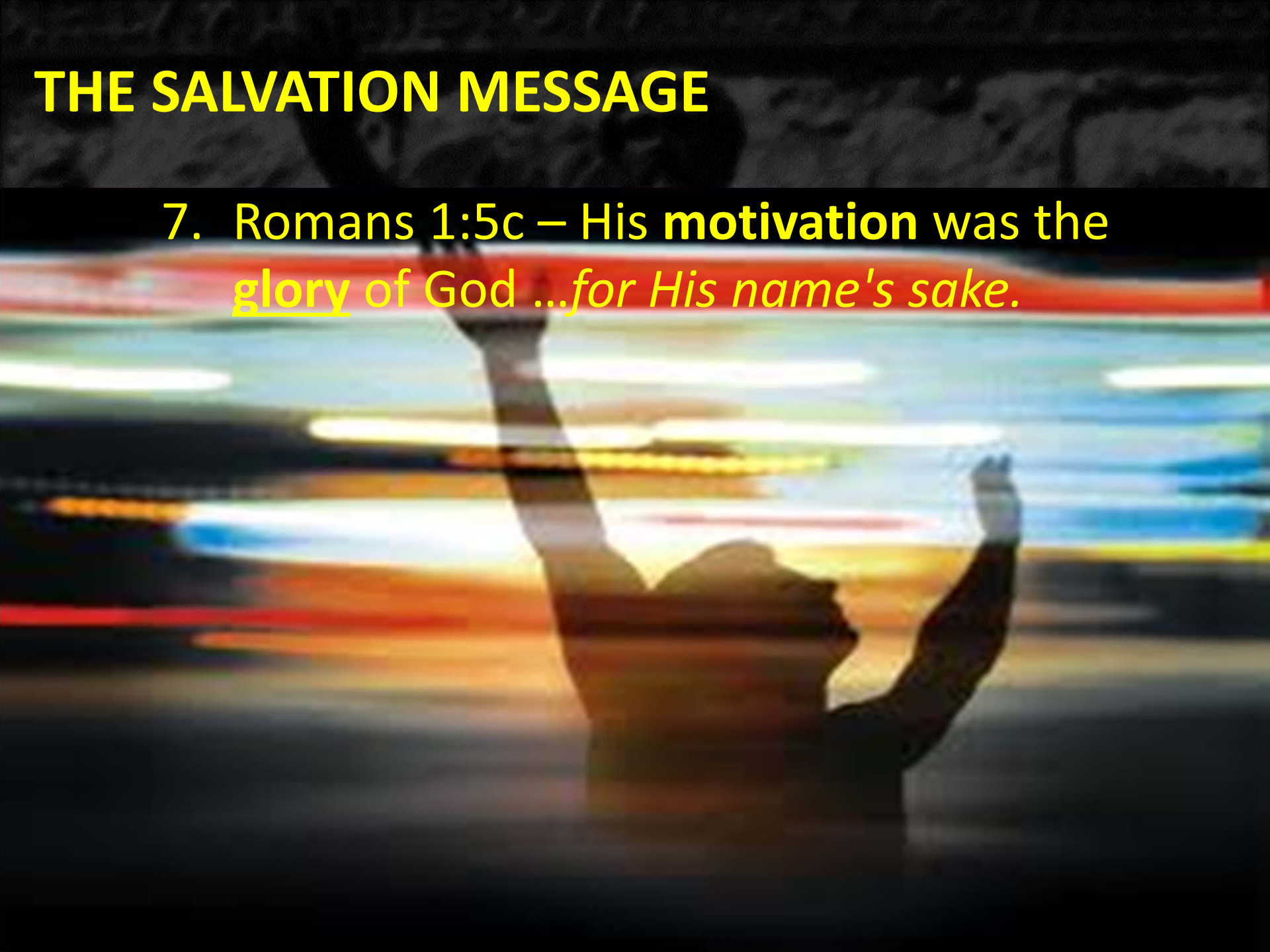
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5. Romans 1:5a – His **mandate** was to bring about the obedience that comes from **faith**.
6. Romans 1:5b – His **mission-field** was the whole **world**.



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7. Romans 1:5c – His **motivation** was the glory of God ...*for His name's sake.*



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B. Romans 1:6-7 – Paul addressed saved Romans.

1. Paul's **acknowledgement**: The Roman believers were

a) Romans 1:6 – **Called**: *among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ*

b) Romans 1:7a – God's **beloved** ones: *beloved of God in Rome*

c) Romans 1:7b – God's **saints**, His set apart ones: *called as saints*

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2. Romans 1:7c – Paul’s **acclamation**: God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ gave the Roman believers two blessings that every believer needs.

a) God’s grace - 2 Peter 3:18

b) God’s peace - Philippians 4:7



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C. Romans 1:8-13 – Paul's Aspirations in the Gospel

How to lend a spiritual hand to fellow believers.



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1. Romans 1:8-9 – Through our *prayers* we provide consistent intercession for one another.



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2. Romans 1:10 – Through our *presence* we provide time and involvement in each other's lives.



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3. Romans 1:11-12 – Through the *preaching* of God's Word we establish others in the faith.



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4. Romans 1:13a – Through our *patience* we are not dissuaded by setbacks or failures in our outreach.



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5. Romans 1:13b – God's **power** fills us with enabling grace and strength: *In order that I might obtain some fruit among you...*

Romans 15:18, 2 Corinthians 3:5-6



prayer
presence
preaching
patience
power

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D. Romans 1:14-17 – Paul's Acclamation of the Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1. Romans 1:14 – Paul's **priority** was the preaching of the Gospel because he was indebted to all people, whether Greek, barbarian, wise, or foolish.

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2. Romans 1:15 – Paul's **passion** was to one day travel to Rome and preach the Gospel there.

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3. Romans 1:16a – The **purpose** of the Gospel is to offer salvation for all through Jesus Christ.

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4. 1 Corinthians 15:1-3a – The **preeminence** of the Gospel is clearly revealed in the words *I delivered to you as of first importance that which I also received.*

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5. 1 Corinthians 15:3-11 – The vital **principles** of the Gospel

a) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – The **Gospel** is a precise work accomplished for our justification: *...that Christ died for our sins and was raised again on the third day.*

b) 1 Corinthians 15:4-6 – At least three important evidences prove that the Gospel is a historical fact.

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- 1) The *entombment*: Christ died and was buried on a day in history.
- 2) The *empty grave*: Christ was raised on a day in history. His tomb remains empty.
- 3) The *eyewitnesses*: He appeared and was seen by more than 500 witnesses.

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- c) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – The Gospel was a prophetically foretold event that happened *according to the Scriptures*.
- d) 1 Corinthians 15:5-8 – The Gospel was publicly verifiable.
- e) 1 Corinthians 15:9-11 – The Gospel was a widely preached message.
- f) 1 Corinthians 15:11 – The Gospel was a personally believed message.

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6. Romans 1:16b – The **potency** of the Gospel is real, because it is the very power of God.
7. Romans 1:16c – The **proposal** of the Gospel was made to all.
8. Romans 1:16d – The only **prerequisite** of the Gospel is to personally place faith in Christ alone - *the power of God unto salvation to all who believe*.
9. Romans 1:17 – The final **product** of the Gospel is that God's justice is satisfied.



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The Immoral Sinner

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Let us introduce you to the three types of sinners found in Romans chapters 1-3

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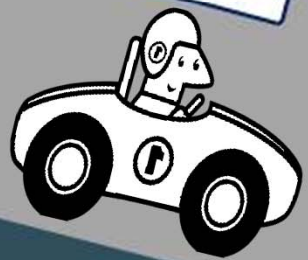
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The immoral sinner
Romans 1:18-32



The moral sinner
Romans 2:1-16



The religious sinner
Romans 2:17-3:8



Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ



Immoral Sinner

- II. Romans 1:18-3:20 – God’s justice is required, because man’s sin requires God’s condemnation. Matthew 7:13-14
 - A. Romans 1:18-32 – God’s condemnation rightly falls on the *Immoral Sinner*.

Immoral Sinner

1. Romans 1:18-21 – God condemns **immoral sinners** because they suppress the truth by brazen denial of it.
 - a) Romans 1:17 – declares that the righteousness of God is revealed from Heaven through the Gospel; conversely, Romans 1:18 declares that the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness.

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- b) Romans 1:18a – Man needs God's righteousness because, in his sinful state, he stands directly under God's wrath.

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- c) Romans 1:18b – Man's ungodliness and unrighteousness violate God's righteous character; therefore, God must respond in wrath.
- 1) Romans 1:18c – Ungodliness is sin or rebellion against God. Anything that opposes His character or existence is ungodly (not like God) and suppresses truth.

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- 2) Romans 1:18d – Unrighteousness is sin or injustice directed toward other humans. Anything that defies God's commandments suppresses the truth.

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d) Romans 1:18e-19 – Man knows the truth of God’s righteous character but actively chooses to deny that truth.

1) Romans 1:19a – Every person possesses knowledge of God.

2) Romans 1:19b – All civilizations and cultures understand right and wrong because God places it into the heart of every human being. Genesis 1:26-27

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e) Romans 1:19c-20 – God’s creation preaches the message of His existence so that every heart understands it. God has also written eternity into everyone’s heart.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

1) Romans 1:20a – The creation testifies about the Creator’s divine nature.

2) Romans 1:20b – All people possess the mental capacity to recognize God’s existence and are, therefore, *without* excuse for rejecting Him.

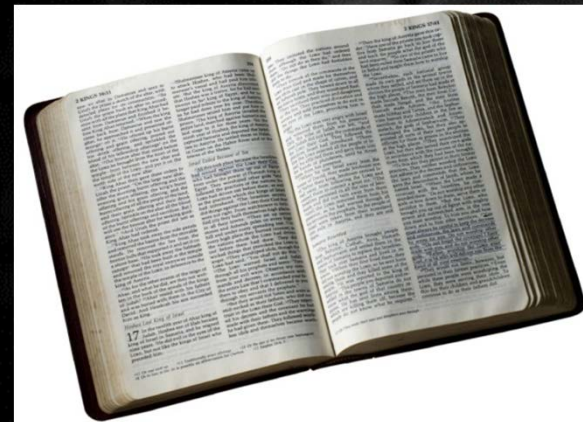
Psalm 19 Speaks of both Natural Revelation & Biblical Revelation

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.
Psalms 19:1



Psalm 19:1-6
Nature Silently
teaches the Glory
of God 24 hours 7
days a week.

Psalm 19:7-10
the Bible is a
Perfect Revelation
of God's Personal
Word to Man.



By General Revelation, we mean revelation that is simply general in its extent.

General revelation is exactly that—general. It is general in its scope; that is, it reaches to all people (Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17). It is general in geography; that is, it encompasses the entire globe (Ps. 19:2). It is general in its methodology; that is, it employs universal means like the heat of the sun (vv. 4-6) and human conscience (Rom. 2:14-15). Simply because it is a revelation that thus affects all people wherever they are and whenever they have lived it can bring light and truth to all, or, if rejected, brings condemnation.

General revelation comes to mankind in a number of ways (creation, order and design, the nature of man as an intelligent being), but the most obvious and powerful means of general revelation is nature or creation. As powerful and universal as this is, however, it is inadequate or has certain limitations. It cannot tell us about the love and grace of God nor of His perfect holiness. Furthermore, creation does not tell us of God's plan of salvation nor how man may procure that salvation. Still, general revelation "is nonetheless an important antecedent to salvation. General revelation is God revealing certain truths and aspects about His nature to all humanity, which revelation is essential and preliminary to God's special revelation."

Classic Arguments for God's Existence

Historical Argument argues that most people in human history have almost always generally believed in a God or gods.

Argument argues that design in nature reflects an Ultimate

Argument argues that without God there can be no morality.

Ontological argument argues that the very idea of a Perfect God suggests that God actually does exist because perfection without existence is an impossibility.

Immoral Sinner

2. Romans 1:21-31 – God is **correct** in condemning **immoral sinners**, because they have rejected the **truth**. Let's look at the downward descent of sinful humanity.
 - a) Romans 1:21-22 – Man's depravity deserves judgment. Ignorance of God comes with a price **tag**.

Immoral Sinner

- 1) Romans 1:21a – **Futility**: Failure to recognize God as Creator and give Him all honor results in futility of mind.
 - a. Romans 1:21b – Futile thinking results from not honoring God as Creator.

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- b. Romans 1:21c – Futile thinking produces wrong reasoning, which results in ignorance, which leads to idol worship. (compare Ephesians 4:17-19 with Colossians 3:5-6)

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- 2) Romans 1:22 – **Pride**: Man calls his speculations wisdom, but in reality, his thinking is foolishness.
- 3) Romans 1:23a – **Distortion**: In man's attempt to **hide** from God, he purposely distorts the truth. Genesis 3:8
- 4) Romans 1:23b – **Perversion**: Man perverts his responsibility toward God and creates **gods** he can manipulate and control.

Greco-Roman Pantheon of Major gods & goddesses



Greek	Roman	Role
Hera	Juno	Chief Goddess - marriage
Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of beauty
Artemis	Diana	Goddess of hunting
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of wisdom
Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of the harvest, nature
Hestia	Vesta	Goddess of the hearth
Zeus	Jupiter	Chief God - sky and air
Apollon	Apollo	God of poetry, music, Sun
Ares	Mars	God of war
Hephaistos	Vulcan	God of blacksmiths
Hermes	Mercury	Messenger of the gods
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea

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- b) Romans 1:23-24 – Denial of the living God results in idolatry. They *exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image*. Jeremiah 10:1-5
 - 1) Romans 1:24a – God gives them over to the impurity they desire.
 - 2) Romans 1:24b – God allows them to dishonor their own bodies.

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- c) Romans 1:25-27 – The defilement of idol worship results in their degradation.
 - 1) Romans 1:26a – So God gives them over to degrading passions.
 - 2) Romans 1:26b – God calls the resulting prostitution unnatural.
 - 3) Romans 1:27 – God calls the resulting sexual deviances indecent and destructive.

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- d) Romans 1:28-31 – Their disavowal of the knowledge of God results in atheism.
 - 1) Romans 1:28 – So God gives them over to depraved minds.
 - 2) Romans 1:29-31 – So they multiply their degradation through innumerable sins.

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- e) Romans 1:32 – Their defiance of God and their flirtation with death result in reprobation.
- 1) Romans 1:32a – They know that their actions deserve death. ...*that those who practice such things are worthy of death,*

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- 2) Romans 1:32b – They personally dare God. ...*they not only do the same*
- 3) Romans 1:32c – They encourage others to defy God. ...*but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

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B. Romans 2:1-16 – God’s condemnation rightly falls on the *Moral Sinner*.

1. Romans 2:1 – The **culpability** of the *moral sinner*.

a) Romans 2:1a – *Moral sinners* who pass judgment on others are without excuse.

b) Romans 2:1b – God says that when *moral sinners* do the same things they accuse others of doing, they actually condemn themselves.

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2. Romans 2:2-3 – The **correctness** of God's judgment against the *moral sinner*
 - a) Romans 2:2 – God always judges properly. God's judgment rightly falls *upon those who practice the same things.*
 - b) Romans 2:3 – God's judgment is inescapable: Do you think *you* will escape *the judgment of God?*

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3. Romans 2:4-16 – **Corroborating arguments** for the legitimacy of God's judgment against the *moral sinner*
 - a) Romans 2:4a – Just because God is not presently judging does not mean that He will not judge sin in the future, or that He is lenient with sin.
 - b) Romans 2:4b – God is not judging people yet because He patiently waits for them to change their minds about their sinfulness.

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- c) Romans 2:5 – ***Moral sinners*** are storing up more justifiable judgment because of their unrepentant hearts in the face of God's patience.
- d) Romans 2:6 – Paul argues that God, as a completely righteous judge, gives all people exactly what they deserve, nothing more and nothing less.
- e) Romans 2:7 – God is fair. Anyone who perseveres every day doing good will receive *eternal life*. Romans 2:10

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- 1) Question: Is there anyone in this category? Romans 3:10-12, 23
- 2) Isaiah 64:6 says humankind has a double-edged problem: they commit sin and their good works are like filthy rags.
- 3) Ecclesiastes 7:20 says, *There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.*

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f) Romans 2:8-9 – God is fair. He will punish anyone who does evil with *wrath and indignation*.

1) We must understand that the entire world is worthy of punishment.

Romans 3:9

2) We must understand that one sin makes us guilty of breaking all of God's law. James 2:10

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- g) Romans 2:11 – God is an impartial judge.
- h) Romans 2:12 – God judges according to our understanding.
 - 1) All who sin without the Ten Commandments perish without the commandments.
 - 2) All who sin with the Ten Commandments are judged by the commandments.

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- i) Romans 2:13a – Knowing the Law does not justify you.
- j) Romans 2:13b – For the *moral sinner* to be justified on his own, he/she would have to be a perfect doer of the Law.
- 1) You must remember this important phrase from Romans 2:7 - *by perseverance in doing good.*

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2) To be justified by keeping God's Laws, a person would need to be perfect every moment of his/her life. Romans 2:16, 3:19-20, Galatians 5:4

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- k) Romans 2:14-16 – God judges *moral sinners* correctly. Anything you have ever thought or done will be used against you on Judgment Day.
- 1) Romans 2:14 – When people who do not have the Ten Commandments instinctively do them, they become a law to themselves.

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- 2) Romans 2:15a – When people who do not have the Ten Commandments instinctively do them, they prove that they have the Law written on their hearts and cannot plead ignorance to sin.
- 3) Romans 2:15b – People's consciences become their constant judge, either accusing or acquitting them.

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- 4) Romans 2:16a – One day, God will reveal people's secrets and condemn them by their understanding of right and wrong according to their consciences.
- 5) Romans 2:16b – People will be judged and condemned by their own words and actions even if they never knew the Ten Commandments.

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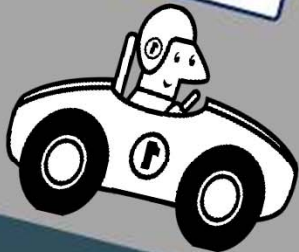
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Religious Sinner

C. Romans 2:17-3:8 – God’s condemnation rightly falls on the *Religious Sinner*.

1. Romans 2:17-20 – The **example** of the *religious sinner*: You bear the name Jew.
 - a) Romans 2:17a – The *religious sinner* in this illustration relied on the Law.
 - b) Romans 2:17b – They boasted of having God as their god.

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- c) Romans 2:18a – They said they knew God's will.
- d) Romans 2:18b – They felt they knew God's requirements. They *approved the...essential*.
- e) Romans 2:18c – They said the Law instructed them.

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- f) Romans 2:19 – They felt sure they were
 - 1) Romans 2:19a – Guides for the spiritually blind.
 - 2) Romans 2:19b – Lights for those in spiritual darkness.
 - 3) Romans 2:20a – Correctors of the foolish.
 - 4) Romans 2: 20b – Teachers of the immature.

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5) Romans 2:20c – Possessors of the *Law, the embodiment of knowledge and truth.*

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2. Romans 2:21-24 – God's **evaluation** of the *religious sinner*: *You do not practice what you preach.*
 - a) Romans 2:21a – You who teach others, do you not **teach** yourself?
 - b) Romans 2:21b – You who say it is wrong to steal, do you not **steal**?

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- c) Romans 2:22a – You who say it is wrong to commit adultery, do you not commit adultery?
- d) Romans 2:22b – You who say it is wrong to have images or other gods, do you not have money as your god?
- e) Romans 2:23 – You who boast about having God's Law, do you not dishonor God when you break the law?

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3. Romans 2:24-29 – God's **edict** against the *religious sinner*
 - a) Romans 2:24 – Your hypocrisy makes God's name into a curse word!
 - b) Romans 2:25-27 – Your religious identification (circumcision) would be of value only if you were absolutely sinless.

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- c) Romans 2:28-29 – Your external religious identity (i.e. Jew, Protestant, Catholic, etc.) or external ritual (circumcision, baptism, communion) is not valid for salvation.

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d) Romans 2:29b – God does the work in our salvation! (Ephesians 1:13-14) The *circumcision...of the heart, by the Spirit* is what counts. This is the work of the Spirit of God (Titus 3:5) in a person's heart (Philippians 3:3) and He brings about eternal salvation.

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4. Romans 3:1-9 – Paul **EXPOUNDED** on some sticky questions.
 - a) Romans 3:1-2 – Is there any advantage in being a Jew?
 - 1) The answer is yes.
 - 2) The advantage of being born a Jew as opposed to a Gentile is that Jews have the very oracles of God, the Bible (Old Testament Scripture).

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b) Romans 3:3-4 – If someone religious has the Bible and does not believe it or handle it correctly, does that invalidate God or make Him a liar or unfaithful?

1) The answer is an emphatic no.

2) May it never be: *Let God be found true and every man ... a liar.*

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- c) Romans 3:5-6 – If someone religious says, “I’m helping God if I am bad because that highlights the fact that God is good,” how should we respond?
- 1) The answer is an emphatic, “No, you are not helping God!” *May it never be!* God never condones sin!
 - 2) If God condones sin, He is disqualified to be the Judge of the world.

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d) Romans 3:7-8 – If someone argues, saying, “My lies make God’s truthfulness really stand out, so I am really helping God when I sin,” what should we answer?

1) Once again the answer is, “No, you are not helping God!”

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- 2) Some people say that Paul taught, “Let’s sin so that good may come.”
- 3) Question: Why was Paul accused of this?

Let’s Recap on the Three
Types of Sinners

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Changing lanes on the broad road does not save you!