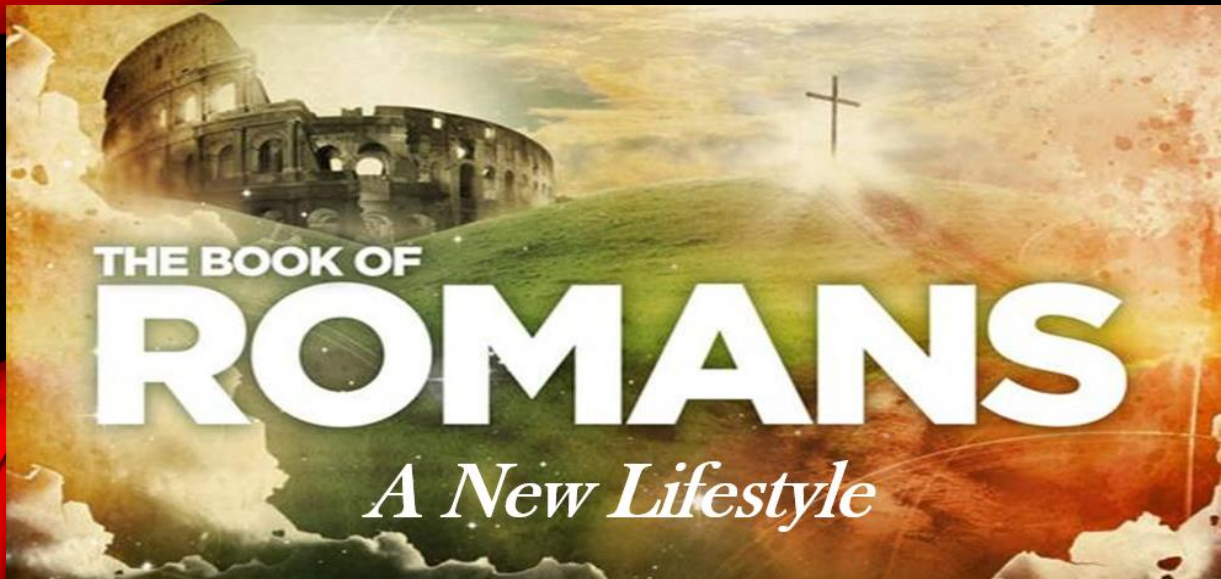


# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



## SRMBC 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
1/10/2018	Good News from God	Romans 1:1 - 17
1/24/2018	The Wrath of God	Romans 1:18 - 32
1/31/2018	The Judgment of God	Romans 2
2/7/2018	The Verdict	Romans 3:1 – 20
4/4/2018	The Righteousness from God	Romans 3:21 – 31
4/11/2018	The Example of Abraham	Romans 4
4/18/2018	Reasons to Rejoice	Romans 5
4/25/2018	New Life, New Lifestyle	Romans 6:1 – 7:6
5/2/2018	Our Struggle with Sin	Romans 7:7 – 25
5/9/2018	The Spirit Brings Life	Romans 8
5/16/2018	The Potter & His Clay	Romans 9
5/23/2018	Misguided Zeal	Romans 10
5/30/2018	The Future of Israel	Romans 11
6/6/2018	Living As Living Sacrifices	Romans 12
6/13/2018	Submitting to Authorities	Romans 13 - 14
6/20/2018	Brothers & Sisters in Christ	Romans 15 - 16

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### Romans: A New Lifestyle: Lesson 2: The Wrath of God Romans 1:18 - 32

#### The Apostle Paul – The Letter to the Romans

- **Author:** Romans 1:1 identifies the author of the Book of Romans as the apostle Paul.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Romans was likely written A.D. 56-58..
- **Purpose of Writing:** His purpose in writing was to proclaim Jesus Christ by teaching doctrine and edify and encourage the believers.

#### The Book Of Romans Tells Us:

- About God, who He is and what He has done.
- It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death and resurrection accomplished.
- It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ.





### **Group Discussion:**

**What have you heard or read in the news lately that indicates our world is not whole and healthy?**

- **The #MeToo movement,**
- **Sexual harassment, Assault, Rape, etc.**
- **Immigration Debate.**
- **Murder of US Marshall in Hbg.**



### **Group Discussion:**

**How do you think God responds when he sees the evil we've brought into his world?**

- **Disappointment but also anger.**
- **His love and mercy.**
- **God allows circumstances/consequences for us to repent.**

### Romans 1:18 – 22 (NKJV)

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

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for **God has shown it to them.**

20 For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse**,

21 because, although **they knew God**, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their **foolish hearts were darkened.**

22 Professing to be wise, **they became fools**,

### Romans 1:23 – 26 (NKJV)

23 and changed the **glory of the incorruptible God** into an image made **like corruptible man**—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

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

25 who **exchanged the truth of God** for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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 1:27 – 30 (NKJV)

27 Likewise **also the men**, leaving the **natural use of the woman**, burned in their lust for one another, **men with men** committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the **penalty of their error** which was due.

28 And even 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;

29 being **filled with all unrighteousness**, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

30 backbiters, **haters of God**, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

### Romans 1:31 – 32 (NKJV)

31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, **knowing the righteous judgment of God**, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same **but also approve** of those who practice them.

## 1. According to verses 18 – 32, what are some of the reasons God's wrath is being revealed?

Reasons for God's Wrath	Description
<b>Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Men</b>	Our sinful condition – Not just what we do and say that runs against God's Word – but who we are inside.
<b>Suppress the Truth In Unrighteousness</b>	People internally know God exists and the right thing to do but push down the truth to do evil
<b>Although They Knew God, They Did Not Glorify Him</b>	Rather than acknowledge and give honor due the Lord – It all about them/us
<b>Nor Were Thankful, But Became Futile in Their Thoughts, And Their Foolish Hearts Were Darkened.</b>	God provides everything (Life, air, water, food, etc.) yet never Thank God and become foolish (Titanic...)
<b>Changed the Glory of God into An Image</b>	Creating a God of their own understanding. Worship of things instead of God.

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Reasons for God's Wrath	Description
<b>Lusts of Their Hearts</b>	Craving the lusts/evil of the flesh sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger... (Gal 5:19 -21)
<b>Exchanged the Truth of God for The Lie</b>	Re-interpreting the Word of God to fit our own agenda (ex. Marriage, Gender etc.)
<b>Worshiped and Served the Creature Rather Than the Creator</b>	We worship people, power, money, etc. rather than the One who created everything and is worthy of Worship.
<b>They Did Not Like to Retain God in Their Knowledge</b>	We are start out with fundamental knowledge of God – some even taught about God as children, but in pride reject that knowledge.
<b>Knowing the Righteous Judgment of God, Not Only Do the Same and Also Approve.</b>	Ignoring God and His standards along with the surety of His judgment at the end of life – continue in sinful practices and encourage others to do the same.



## 2. What questions or feelings do you have when you read about God's wrath in verse 18?

### Questions

- What about babies and children – is God's wrath and judgment for them?
- Are the natural disasters, disease, wars accidents indicators of God's wrath?
- What about those who have never heard of Jesus? Does God's wrath still apply to them?

### Feelings

- Awe, Reverence, High respect for His Power/Authority.
- Fear of His wrath – eternal punishment.
- Love, Thankfulness that Jesus took God's Wrath on the Cross for me.

## 3. What does everyone know about God, according to verses 19 – 20? How do they know these things?

Anna	Simeon
Older Woman – Widow for a number of Years	Older man – mature in faith
A Prophetess Totally dedicated to the Lord (Fasting and prayers)	Sensitive to the Holy Spirit – Got a revelation that He would see the Lord's Christ
At the Temple out of her usual custom – her habit	Led by the Spirit – to be in the Temple at the exact time Mary and Joseph with Christ
Recognized the Christ – Child immediately (Spirit – Led)	Moved by the Spirit to Recognize the Christ Child
Gave Thanks and praise to the Lord	Blessed the Child and Mother
Spread the Good News to others about Jesus - the Hope of Israel	Prophesied the future Suffering of Christ and Mary

#### 4. How do people respond to the knowledge they possess about God (vv. 18, 21)?

- People suppress or try to ignore what they know to be truth of their own sinfulness.
- People act as if they don't know who God is.
- Although God does so much for them and has authority – they neither Glorify or thank Him.
- They fill their minds with anything – that keeps them acknowledging God.
- Without acknowledging God, their hearts become darkened, immoral, unloving .

#### 5. Verses 21 – 32. What evidence do you see of this moral degeneration today?

If you look closely, you will notice several levels:

- Idolatry (Vv. 21-23)
- Impurity (Vv. 24-25)
- Perversion (Vv. 26-27)
- Depravity (Vv. 28-31)
- A Flagrant Disregard Of God's Judgment (V. 32).

Paul is not claiming that every non-Christian exhibits all of these characteristics to the same degree. But they have characterized humanity ever since the fall of Adam and Eve.



**6. Verse 18 states that God's wrath is now being revealed. How is this evident from verses 24 – 32?**

- Oftentimes we think of God's Judgement as Him taking action in direct opposition to our behavior.
- Some people think that if God is not stopping us, He must be pleased or okay with what we are doing.
- The truth is that God's harshest judgment can be seen when He let our own evil heart and desires lead us in a downward spiral of sin (Cf. Psalm 106:15).

**7. Do you think verses 18 – 32 refute the notion that people are basically good? Explain.**

- I think so. Especially when you think about when we try to compare our goodness with the Holiness of God.
- It is our lack of goodness that demonstrate why we need to be saved and why we can't save ourselves.
- People who think themselves to be good apart from God, are themselves under the judgment of God.

**8. People often raise the question of how God could condemn those who have never heard of him. How does this passage address that question?**

- In reality, it is not that some people have not heard about God., but they have rejected what they have heard and what is readily seen in nature.
- Instead of debating the fate of those who have never heard, we, as Christians, should be doing our best to make sure they do hear. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).
- We all know people who reject the knowledge of God revealed in nature, and that must motivate us to proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

## **KEYS FOR LIVING**

- *Although the concept of God's wrath may make us uncomfortable, like His Love, it is an unchangeable part of His Character.*
- *People may try to deny the existence of God, but due to the evidence in Nature, everyone is without excuse.*
- *Since none of us can be good enough to make ourselves right with God - Jesus came to give His life to satisfy God's wrath against sin and express His great love toward us.*

