



# From Depraved to Saved Romans 1 & 2; 14 & 15

## First – the Good News

Romans 1: 1-17

# The Gospel of God?

Genesis 3: 15

Seed of the woman Crush the serpent's head Serpent will strike His heel (Slain from the foundation) Vs 5 – obedience that comes from *faith* 

# Not ashamed of the Gospel!

Romans 1: 16

Power of God for salvation

#### How then, can a man be righteous before God? Job 25: 4

# A righteousness from God

Romans 1: 17

The righteous will live by *faith* Habakkuk 2: 4

## Remembering the bad news... Romans 1: 18-32

helps us

appreciate the Good News Romans I: 1-17 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3: 36

The wrath of God is being revealed... Romans 1: 18

### The wrath of God is being revealed... Romans 1: 18-32

We exchange God gives us over

#### Men are without excuse

### The wrath of God against... Romans 1: 18-20

Godlessness Wickedness Suppressing the truth

#### Men are without excuse

### The heavens declare the glory of God Psalm 19

All speech, all language, all locations THEN The law of the LORD is perfect

#### No glory No thankfulness

They knew God Romans I: 21-23

Futile thinking Foolish darkened hearts The first exchange Romans I: 22,25

Glory of God the Creator exchanged for the created

### The first 'giving over' Sinful desires Sexual impurity Degrading bodies Romans 1: 24-25

The second exchange The truth of God for a lie

### The second 'giving over' Shameful lusts

#### Romans 1: 26-28

The third exchange Natural for unnatural The second 'giving over' Shameful lusts The third exchange Natural for unnatural Romans 1: 26-28

> Born that way? OR Our choice?

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> Love above all else? What's natural for *me*...

Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman. That is detestable. Leviticus 18: 22

Male & Female He created them Man unites with wife Genesis 1: 27 Genesis 2: 24

### Male & Female He created them Man unites with wife <u>Matthew 19: 4-6</u>

Sexual immorality Matthew 15: 16-20 people who engage in sex before marriage, who worship idols, who engage in sex after marriage with someone other than their spouse, who engage in active or passive homosexuality,

> I Corinthians 6: 9-11 CJB – Complete Jewish Bible

sex before marriage – fornication - pornoi

who engage in sex after marriage with someone other than their spouse – adultery – moichoi

who engage in passive homosexuality – catamite - malakoi who engage in active homosexuality – sodomite - arsenokoitai

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It's not worth our while to retain the knowledge of God Romans 1: 28

They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. Isaiah 44: 18

## The third 'giving over' A depraved mind Romans 1: 28

Although they KNOW God's righteous decree.... We still do these things and we even give our *approval* to those who do them

# You, therefore, have no excuse

Romans 2: 1

you pass judgment – you condemn yourself, because you are already guilty

## I am the chief of sinners Romans 2: 1-11

when we remember what I was and what it took for God to save me, then I can be gentle with others Discern but never condemn

## God the perfect judge exercising perfect justice Romans 2: 1-11

we – mere man – cannot see the heart or mind, therefore imperfectly judge

## First for the Jew Then for the gentile Romans 2: 5-11

are some people "more" accountable than others?

God does not show favoritism

## Know the Law? Judged by the Law Don't know the Law? Judged by...? Romans 2: 12-16

What about *before* the Law?

## Don't have the Law, but do *by nature* things required by the Law Romans 2: 14-16

imago dei

### God will judge...through Jesus Christ Romans 2: 16

All secrets exposed All uncovered and laid bare

## You are not a Jew if only outwardly Romans 2: 17-29

it is circumcision of the heart Even for the gentiles!

## We can bring dishonor to God Even blaspheme His name Romans 2: 23-24

You are a letter from Christ II Corinthians 3: 2-3 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

Romans 14: 1

Certain foods, certain days... Do not put any stumbling block in your brother's way

#### Romans 14: 1 – 15: 13

### Get up Peter – Kill & eat!

Acts 10: 9-17; 34-36 Surely not! That's unclean!

## No! Not the showbread! Mark 2: 23-28

"What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.""

Matthew 15: 11

Everything God creates is good Nothing is to be rejected I Timothy 4: 3-5

even food sacrificed to idols??? I Corinthians 8 All things are permissible Not all things are beneficial <u>I Corinthians 6: 12</u>

free in Christ – but don't use that freedom to indulge in sin Galatians 5: 13

### None of us lives to himself alone We live to the Lord

Romans 14: 7-8

My life affects others

## Meat-eaters vs vegetarians

#### Romans 14: 2-4

Both serve God

## Everyday vs sacred days

### Romans 14: 5

Both serve God

# Food or days – Everything done to the Lord

#### Romans 14: 6-8

We belong to the Lord

### No food is unclean, BUT...

Romans 14: 14-15; 20-21; 15: 1-2 Do not destroy with food the work of God Please your neighbor for his good

## Christ – for the Jew, and for the Gentile

### Romans 15: 8-13

Confirming promises Glorifying God

# Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you

### Romans 15: 7

All depraved – All saved

# Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you

### Romans 15: 7

We are all one at the foot of the cross We are all one away from the foot of the cross

## EVERYTHING written points to HOPE, UNITY

### Romans 15: 4-6

To glorify God