



WE DESPERATELY NEED JESUS

ROMANS 1:18-32 * JANUARY 22, 2022

UNDERSTAND THE WRATH OF GOD

The wrath of God, in the context of our current age, is _____.

HOW A CULTURE FALLS INTO DECAY

STEP 1 > It starts when people _____ God. (21)

→ If we want nothing to do with God, He will _____ that wish.

STEP 2 > Next, people _____ God. (22-23)

→ When God restrains us in ways we don't like, we just create a god we can _____.

STEP 3 > Do away with all _____ restraints. (24-27)

→ God's boundaries for sexual activity is within the _____ relationship.

STEP 4 > Set aside all _____ restraints. (28-31)

→ We become _____ unto ourselves.

STEP 5 > _____ and _____ sin. (32)

→ The once shameful becomes a source of _____.

POINTS OF APPLICATION

- ① This isn't a list of sins to show us why _____ needs Jesus.
→ It's meant to show us why _____ need Jesus.
- ② The solution to a depraved culture isn't to make non-Christians _____.
→ It's to introduce everyone to _____.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What are some activities that are widely accepted in our society now but were widely condemned just a few years ago? How have your own standards changed over the years?
2. Read Romans 1:18-23. According to verses 19-20, what does everyone know about God? How do they know these things? How do people respond to the knowledge they possess about God?
3. People often raise the question of how God could condemn those who have never heard of Jesus Christ. How does this passage address this question?
4. Read Romans 1:24-32. What does Paul mean when he says that "God gave them over" (abandoned) to their wickedness (verses 24, 26, 28)? Why did Paul feel compelled to speak out so strongly on this issue to this audience? What are some examples of compromise within many churches?
5. This section (18-32) describes the downward spiral of sin experienced by people who rebel against God. How would you summarize each level of their descent? How might each level lead to the next? What evidence do you see of this moral and spiritual degeneration today?
6. Do you think this section (18-32) refutes the notion that people are basically good. Explain.
7. How can we take a stand against sin without being vengeful or judgmental?