

THE BOOK OF ROMANS
Part 3 of 36: Humanity -- Innocent Or Guilty?
Romans 1:18-32

There are seven major divisions in Romans. There is an INTRODUCTION to the book and a CONCLUSION. Between those two book ends there are five major themes in the book of Romans and each of them can be summed up in one word.

1. SECTION 1: _____
2. SECTION 2: _____
3. SECTION 3: _____
4. SECTION 4: the _____ of God
5. SECTION 5: _____

SECTION ONE — SIN.

1. HUMANITY EXPERIENCES THE _____ OF GOD

V: 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

GREEK -- two words for anger.

1. *thermos* _____
orge

Why does God get angry? _____

2. What is the object of God's wrath?

- a. _____ (x3)
- b. _____ (x3)

2. HUMANITY IS GUILTY OF GODLESSNESS

1. It's _____. v. 19 *Since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them.* He's talking about nature, creation.
2. It's _____. V: 20 *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made so that men are without excuse.*

3. It's _____. V: 20 ... *so that men are without excuse.*

Notice what humanity does:

1. Humanity _____ the truth about God. v. 18 ... *who suppress the truth by their wickedness...*
2. Humanity _____ the truth. v. 21 *For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him.*
3. Humanity _____ the truth.
v. 22 *Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and animals and reptiles.*
v. 25 *They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator.*

3. HUMANITY IS GUILTY OF WICKEDNESS

"God gave them over"

- v. 24 *God gave them over to sinful desires of their heart.*
- v. 26 *God gave them over to shameful lusts.*
- v. 28 *God gave them over to a depraved mind.*

What does it mean when God gives somebody over?

1. God gave them over to immoral passions. v. 24 *They had sinful desires ... God gave them over to their sinful desires, to impurity degrading of their bodies with one another.*
2. v. 25 *They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.*
3. God gave these people over to indecent perversions. Underline v. 26
4. v. 28 *Furthermore since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done.*
5. v. 32 *Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death they not only continue to do such things but approve of those who practice it.*

I can't leave you here on this depressing note. Romans 5. **IS THERE ANY HOPE?**
V: 8-9 *But God demonstrated His love for us in this that while we were still sinners*

Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath?

4. HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN AN UNGODLY WORLD