

The Malignancy of Sin

Romans 1:18-32

Three statements about the seriousness of sin.

1. Sin Angers a Holy God and will be _____.

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **Romans 1:18***

God's Wrath

—“A slow, settled aversion to sin along with the determination to destroy it.”

Holy God intensely loves mankind.

Sin is completely devastating to us.

Two ways God's wrath is being revealed against _____

1. Deliberate judgment against sin—to purge the offender and save a remnant

*God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day. **Psalm 7:11***

2. Through the natural _____ of sin

God, “gave them over to”

- sinful desires (vs. 24)
- shameful lusts (vs. 26)
- a depraved mind (vs. 28)

*A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy. **Proverbs 29:1***

*A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy. When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. **Proverbs 29:1-2***

*Even the wrath of God is an expression of His _____.
God detests sin so much that He allows its punishment to come to us
in hopes that we will repent and return to Him.*

2. The Heathen are _____ for their sin and will be judged. *Three statements about the seriousness of sin.*

“What about the heathen in Africa?”

- They are without excuse
- This question is raised in _____ of a person’s self-righteousness

“What about the heathen in Africa?”

1. The heathen in the United States are just as lost as the heathen in any other part of the world.

how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? Hebrews 2:3

2. A self-righteous sinner cannot hide behind the supposed ignorance of someone he thinks has never “heard” the gospel.

If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

3. It assumes that, God has to somehow have mercy on “the heathen” since they could not possibly have heard the gospel “preached.”

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

Proverbs 19:1-4

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

Romans 1:18-19

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. Romans 1:20

[God] *“will give to each person according to what he has done.” To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.*

Romans 2:6-7

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. Acts 14:15

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” Acts 14:17

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All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. Romans 2:12

What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; Romans 3:9-10

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. John 3:17-18

3. The world is _____ and it will get worse.

Three statements about the seriousness of sin.

Seven steps downward through sin’s destruction

1. Rejection of the Truth

men who suppress the truth by their wickedness **Romans 1:18**

*For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **Romans 1:21-22***

2. Distorted _____

*exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. **Romans 1:23***

3. False Religion

*Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **Romans 1:24-25***

4. Sexual Immorality

*They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. **Romans 1:24***

*Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. **Romans 1:26***

5. _____ Perversion

*In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. **Romans 1:27***

*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. **1 Corinthians 6:18***

*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. **Romans 1:28***

6. Moral _____

*They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, **Romans 1:29***

slanders, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Romans 1:30-31

7. Complete _____

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 1:32

Key: Punished, disobedience, consequences, love, accountable, defense, depraved, Thinking, Moral, Depravity, Impenitence