

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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**Review** Romans 1:18-32

## Big Thought

The rejection of God, specifically the rejection of God's plan of salvation in Christ, leads to wrong BELIEF & wrong BEHAVIOR.

**The Problem** Romans 1:18-19

The truth is SUPPRESSED by the godlessness & wickedness of people.

- *Suppress* - prevent something from being KNOWN or EXPRESSED

## The Beginning Point

Often we want to change the world but what God wants is to CHANGE US.

## Building Blocks

I. See yourself as you REALLY ARE. Romans 2:1

- A changed HEART will result in changed BEHAVIOR.
- True heart change will not be realized until you are ready to ADMIT who you truly are.

## Warning

Beware of the FALSE SECURITY of self-righteousness that is a result of skewed comparisons.

II. Realize that God JUDGES according to TRUTH. Romans 2:2-3

## Climatic Thought

REAL LIFE CHANGE occurs when you respond to God in REPENTANCE. Romans 2:4

• *Repentance* - a CHANGE of MIND, turning AWAY from unbelief & rebellion toward God & turning TOWARD God with complete reliance on His forgiveness & favor on account of Christ, to undergo a moral REORIENTATION of the soul in which one acknowledges the error of his ways & turns toward the divinely prescribed way of truth & righteousness

## Application

If your SECRETS could be SEEN by others, what would you change?

- God's KINDNESS leads you towards repentance.

**The Two Final Destination Possibilities** Romans 2:5-11

- Those who RECEIVE Christ, those with REPENTANT hearts, are destined for eternity with Christ
- Those who REJECT Christ, those with UNREPENTANT hearts, are destined for wrath & judgment.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read Romans 2:1-11, Matthew 23:23, Luke 19:1-9 & Matthew 7:15-23. What role does repentance play in your life? How do you recognize if someone is genuine in the Lord? What does good fruit look like? If your secret life were revealed, what would it show? Why is it important that it is God's kindness that leads to repentance?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 7

Best Years Fellowship (age 50 or older) will meet next Sunday, February 7 at 12 p.m. in the Activity Center. If you'd like to attend please contact the church office (692-6671) by 10 a.m. on Friday, February 5.

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## OASIS SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7

College students come back next week for our Super Bowl party in the foyer/coffee shop. Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. We'll have pizza, snacks & drinks!

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## JANUARY ONE THING

Pay It Forward

The focus this month has been putting God's love into action by doing a selfless act of kindness for someone else. It has been awesome to see how many have participated so far. We encourage you to continue to Pay It Forward to others. We want to celebrate all the ways we are participating in this, so please either write about your experience on our OneThing Poster or email us & we will update the poster for you.



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