**THE GOD OF THE BIBLE (ROMANS 1:18-32)**

1. **THE REALITY OF HIS WRATH (V.18)**
2. It is an unavoidable Scriptural truth.
3. It is an unavoidable historical fact.
4. It is an undeniable moral necessity.
5. **THE REASONS FOR HIS WRATH (V.18-23)**
6. Men have suppressed the truth (v.18-20)

 Conscience (v.18-29)

 Creation (v.20)

1. Men have rejected God (v.21-23)
2. **THE RESULTS OF HIS WRATH (V.24-32)**
3. First Step: (v.24-25) Sexual Immorality
4. Second Step: (v.26-27) Sexual Perversion
5. Third Step: (v.28-32) Spiritual Perversion

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

1. REALIZE these verses are a MAP of our present world! Why is there so much beauty: but why is it so flawed? Paul’s simple answer: GOD! There is One God, Who made it all, and made us in His Image to know, worship, and belong to Him. That same God has, in wrath, given us what we have chosen…life without Him, worshiping things that cannot satisfy! In the beauty: we see God’s existence! In the brokenness of the world, we see God’s justice.
2. We cannot shake our heads, roll our eyes at what “they” are like…thinking “they are wicked” and we are not! Paul is describing the Gentiles (heathen)…we often try to think we are better! The list of sins (suppressing the truth, refusing to honor or thank God, etc.)--the function of these verses is to draw out any and all self-righteous-ness. ALL are without excuse! (If you are self-righteous, you condemn your-self!)
3. Is there any escape from the wrath of God? v.16-17 remind us of God’s grace in the Gospel. (We are given salvation and Jesus’ righteousness!) We are to have the humility and freedom to ask what idols could be, or are rivaling for the position with my Creator in my heart and life? Where am I envious, slanderous, disloyal, etc.? What would it look like to depend on my Creator in this area of my life? Our ultimate escape from the wrath of God comes solely because the Lord Jesus took all the wrath for my sins upon Himself. He Alone is my Salvation! (1 Thessalonians 1:10b “Jesus, Who delivers us from the wrath to come”.)