

ROMANS 1 – Introduction & God’s Wrath Being Revealed

Outline

Introduction

- * Paul the writer – a servant of Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God
- * The Gospel of God – promised through prophets, regarding His Son; a descendant of David; appointed to be the Son of God with power by His resurrection from the dead; our Lord
- * Through Jesus Christ we receive – grace and are called to obedience that comes from faith and belong to Jesus
- * Salutation – To the saints in Rome: grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Paul’s Longings for the Saints in Rome:

- * Thank God for you
- * Remember you in my prayers at all times
- * By God’s will I may come to you
- * To be mutually encouraged for each other’s faith
- * To preach the gospel to you
- * To not be ashamed of the gospel because -
 - It is the power of God for salvation to believers
 - It is first for the Jew, then the Gentile
 - In it righteousness from God is revealed by faith
 - It is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” Habakkuk 2:4

God’s Wrath Being Revealed Because:

- * Suppression of the truth – by their wickedness, following Satan’s lies
- * Denial of creation (there is no excuse) – instead evolution is taught as fact
- * Acceptance of false gods (they become fools) – consider the present gods of this world
- * Accelerating sexual impurity – God gives them over to their sinful desires
- * Exchanging the truth for a lie – Satan’s way instead of God’s word
- * Worshipping and serving created things – consider what all is worshipped in this world
- * Shameful lusts and perversion – lust is not love
- * Depravation of minds without the knowledge of God – corruption and perversion, not wisdom
- * Accelerating wickedness – stone-cold hearts
- * Even those who know God’s righteous decrees approve of wicked practices – relativism, political correctness, apathy, tolerance, denial of the truth, no absolutes, fabricated rights