

## Sermon Outline

### Romans Series, Part 2: Saved From What? (1:18-32)

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**Main Idea:** In part 2 of our Romans series, Paul reveals to us the broader reality of man's ungodliness and unrighteousness in their suppression of the truth about God revealed in creation.

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1. God is speaking, but we won't listen (1:19-25)
2. We are consumed by our passions (1:26-32)

#### Key Text/Quotes:

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them." Romans 1:16-17*

*"You don't realize Jesus is all that you need until Jesus is all you have." Tim Keller*

#### Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 1:18-32 and open in prayer.
2. Having opened his letter to the Romans with an overview of the gospel and its implications for salvation and a life of obedience, joy and power unto God, Paul now begins to remind the church of the reality of the "bad news" for humanity. Discuss mankind's tendency to not only not "listen" to God, but even worse to "reject" him through the way we live our lives (v19-25).
3. Any time people worship creation, we are rejecting God since he alone is worthy of our worship. In what ways does Paul describe people worship creation?
4. In short, Paul attributes all of the moral decline and decay that all societies experience to man's rejection of God. What is God's response to man's choosing to reject Him? Despite this reality, how amazing is the truth of the Gospel as revealed in John 3:16?
5. Paul did not intend to give an all-encompassing list of the sins of mankind in verses, 26-32. Rather, he intends to help us to understand the pervasive nature of sin in that to reject God and pursue living in ways that are contrary to his design is to experience the downward-spiral of deepening sin and its corrosive effects on our hearts and minds. Discuss your own experience of times that you have knowingly pursued sin and how it never delivered on its promises.
6. For those who are struggling to break from ongoing patterns and choices to certain sinful desires, take time to pray for one another, confessing your struggles and asking God for a change of heart and desire to walk in the purity and righteousness of Christ as God's chosen son or daughter.

