

Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, July 11, 2021 Romans 1:18-32 – Sin, Righteousness & Judgment - Part 1

We Learn:

Romans 1:18 states that the "wrath of God is being revealed from heaven." In verses 24, 26, and 28 we read that God has given human beings over to their sinful desires, shameful lusts, and depraved minds. We can understand these statements only if we first understand that God created humanity in his image and intended for human beings to connect to him and reflect him. When human beings choose to worship everything other than God, when we choose not to reflect the image of God, then God gives us up to what we want, to what we desire.

- What does it mean for humanity to be created in the image of God?
- How has God made his eternal power and divine nature known to humanity?
- How have human beings responded to God's truth and glory?
- Why did God give human beings over to their sinful desires (Gk. *epithumia* which means over-desires)? How is it connected to God's wrath? What was the outcome for humanity?
- Why is all sin going against the image of God?

We Respond & Apply:

- How can we deal with our over-desires?
- How can we be conformed to the image of Christ?
- How does our ongoing transformation into the image of God from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit enable us to deal with sin, righteousness, and judgment?