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The Book of Romans
Lesson 6 – thinkest thou this

Romans 2:3-9

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Verse 3. *And thinkest thou this, O man...* In running all the references in the Bible regarding this verse – every time somebody thinks something – they are **always** wrong! Isn't that amazing? *"Well, I just think..."* "You're wrong!" Because if you are not going by what God says, you are wrong!

And thinkest thou this, O man; that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? This is the thinking of the man, who turned his back on God and is pursuing sin. Every man in your town dealing drugs or driving drunk, or exhorting money from his company thinks somebody is going to get caught but not me. Because if God's out of the picture, all you have to do is out-fox your fellow man. Who are we talking about? People that did not want to retain God in their knowledge. Romans 1:28. God sees everything..." Amos 9:8 *Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.*

Verse 4. *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering;* (Do you see what you have to do?) Once you start out down that road of sin, God says do not go down that path it is wrong, please stop doing that..." Please repent... please come back to me... Why does He say those things, because He is a good God, a forbearing God, a longsuffering God. Do you know what the human heart does at that point? It does one of two things. It repents and turns back to God or it despises Him. *"I don't want God running my life..."*

Those of you that are still young, before you jump on the path of sin, talk to a mature Christian... and ask them whether or not they wish the first time they did wrong and knew they were doing wrong, they would have repented and turned back to God and gone no further. Every mature Christian would tell you the same thing "I wish I would have turned back right then – but. I did not want Him running my life. Instead by that time I got back, there was so much damage done... so many hurts, so many lost friends that we are just looking forward to the rapture because that is the only thing that is going to fix it." Saved, forgiven, under the blood. Praise God, wish I could forget it all, but not this side of glory.

Verse 5. *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath* (See the match? Romans 1:18.) *against the day of wrath and revelation* (God is what? Revealed it unto them. We read that in chapter 1.) *of*

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the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: Nobody is predetermined for heaven or hell. Nobody was created by God to burn forever so God could brag about how powerful He was being capable of burning a soul.

God gives men/women a revelation of Himself from birth. If men turn from that revelation, where do they go? They turn to sin. Once they turn to sin, what does God do? He gives them a second revelation that is going to hurt you... that is going to cost you your soul. "I'm a good God – come back to me..." If they reject that second revelation, where do they end up? They end up standing before God with nothing to show for their life.

We have an advocate (1 John 2:2) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. His wounds will plead for me. His blood will cry out like Abel's and testify on my behalf. The Lord Jesus Christ will stand in that day and hold up that nail-pierced hand and say, "Father, he's mine. I redeemed him... paid his penalty in full... covered his sin with my blood... died for all his transgressions. You pardoned him for my sake. I will not have to say a word. Jesus will speak for me.

If you do not want God, you will have to stand before the Father without Him in our own righteousness. Filthy rags - Isaiah 64:4 Lost and undone. In Isaiah 6:5 - Isaiah a prophet of God saw just His glory and he said, *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.(KJV)*

Where do you think a lost man is going to stand in that day? The Bible said, He saw the dead great and small stand before God and there was no place found before them. Revelation 20:11-12

No place to hide... no place to run... no place to appeal... no place to escape... no place to find life... no place to get water... no place to get hope... no place to get life. You end up in eternity without Him.

Verse 7. *To them who by patient continuance in well doing...* (You cannot be saved by good works; but you have to do the right thing with what God reveals to you or you are lost.) Now hear what I am saying. Let's say you read the tract that the other people tore up and threw down. You came to the church service that the other people stayed away from. You listened to the sermon that the other people ridiculed. You read the Bible that the other people ignored. You bowed your knees while other people hardened their hearts. You called on Jesus when other people turned their back on Him. You were not saved by works, but if you had not done what was right with what God showed you, you would have never been saved by grace.

Verse 7. *...seek for glory and honour and immortality...* Those who are patient, who seek to live for God and to glorify Him, will inherit immortality and eternal

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life; but those who are contentious and refuse to obey the truth, who follow unrighteousness and indignation, will receive tribulation and anguish. If you want to live forever you will have to seek Jesus Christ.

Over the years we have heard some amazing testimonies about how people were saved, here are just a couple of them. "A man broke into a house in Africa, He stole a tape recorder. When he came home, he pushed play; there was a preaching sermon on the tape, he listened to the sermon and got saved." Another amazing testimony was: "A man was working at a post office overseas, he sees a box that arrives from America, it is marked **fragile cassettes**, he is thinking alright!! *rock n roll* from the US, he slips it into his bag and takes it home, and begins to listen, much to his surprise, it was preaching, as he listens, he repents falls to his knees and calls out to God." The best testimony happen to me, "I was street preaching in downtown Orlando, next to the train tracks, there were a lot of people walking the street, and my voice was just about worn out from all the noise, Brother Gerry Sutek was there with me, he has a very powerful voice to preach, and I was about through and going to turn it over to him, when something unbelievable happened. The train, that never stops in downtown Orlando, suddenly stopped and sat stopped for 25 min. hundreds of people could not cross the tracks they became a captive audience for Brother Gerry Sutek to preach to, for the next 25 min. We do not know if anyone was saved, but the fact is that God will do anything to give you a chance to get saved, even stop a train.

If you want God, God will put it right in front of you. The nation of Israel, they did not know who their Messiah was – and so God put a great big stone of stumbling right in their path – they had to trip over Him. They missed the Messiah, why? They just kicked Him out of the way.

Look at verse 8. ***But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth,*** (Notice it did not say to those who are foreordained to damnation.) God says in the heart of a child, I am real... I am true... I am God... I made you..." The child says NO!

Contention. Mom and Dad deal with it. The preacher deals with it. The Holy Spirit deals with it – before long, they are contentious teenager... then there are contentious adult. Do you know what happens – when they are old, they will still reject the Gospel. It is amazing men and women in their eighties would rather lie in bed and watch the news or some soap opera than come out for church services. So sad the number of times I would hear a hard heart say "*I don't like church services!*"

Do you know what they are doing? They're giving the same excuses, raising the same contentions, fighting the same fight against the gospel at ninety, they did at nineteen. Do you know why those people lose their soul?

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Because they do not want truth. Every time it ever crosses their path, they fight with it.

Verse 9. ...***upon every soul of man*** in America that has a Bible and could go to church if he wanted to... No, that is not what it says. ...***upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.*** Here is the lesson. Good works do not save. But good works will get you to the Saviour. Are you going to get saved humbling yourself under the preaching of the word of God or despising the preaching of the word of God? I'm telling you good works cannot save you but if you do not do right with what God shows you, you will not get anymore. Why the Jew first? The Jews were the first to experience the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ, and they rejected Him. Here are a few verses outlining their actions and God's response: Hebrews 10:29; Luke 20:17; Matthew 27:25; Romans 2:9; Ezekiel 18:30; John 12:48

Where will you end up? In a place of outer darkness. Why? You did not want light. God is merciful. Do not take that to mean everybody gets to heaven. It means everybody gets what they want. He is kind if you want to die in your sin. He will let you live in your sin and die in your sin – he is kind! If you want to be forgiven, if you want to be washed in the blood, if you want to have eternal life, if you want to dwell forever in glory – God is kind. He is gracious. He is merciful – He will give you what you want.

I was nineteen when I got saved. Always believed the Bible was true and that it was God's word, Always believed that Jesus was the only way to heaven, Always believed that Jesus died to pay for my sin. My problem was that I thought that by being good God would let me into to Heaven, because I believed in Him. My problem was that I wanted to lived my own life and do my own thing; I was not willing to repent of my sin and give my all to Jesus. Thanks be to God that He was longsuffering and kept pursuing me.

In the paragraph above, notice how many "I's" are written, too often we let "I" get ahead of God.

Notes

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Name _____

1. When witnessing and a man/woman responds with the phrase “I just think?” what verse should come to your mind?
2. At what time in our life does God begin revealing Himself to us?
3. Where will men/women stand on that last day, if they die without Jesus? (add the verse to prove your answer)
4. What is the Gospel of God?
5. What does Paul consider himself to be at the beginning of this Epistle?
6. Proverbs 11:14 – In light of our lesson, how would this verse be explained?
7. Explain the truths of Romans 1:18 and Romans 2:5 and why they are so important to learn?
8. What happens to the human heart once it begins to reject what God says?
9. Why will the Christian not have to answer to God in the last day?
10. What is the meaning of the phrase “*of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile?*”

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11. Why should you not wait till you are old to receive Jesus Christ?
12. What is the subject of this lesson?
13. "I do not want God running my life" and I do not have too, why? Explain in detail.

True/false

- There are many ways to get to heaven.
- God will use any means He can to get you to accept Jesus Christ.
- Being baptized as a baby will guarantee you a place in heaven.



Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
(must be in KJV) – Romans 2:11; Amos 9:8; Isaiah 64:6

Any Questions?