

When Sinners Get What They Want

FAMILY THEME: The Curse of Sin STUDY TEXT: Romans 1:16-32

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Romans 1:16-17

We must take the gospel to everyone who needs to hear, both across the street and around the world. We do not seek to force the gospel on people or to manipulate them. However, we are to be serious about engaging them and working to persuade them that the gospel is what they need. The gospel is God's revealed truth through which people can be brought into right relationship with God and gain eternal life. Our mission is to get the message of the gospel to all people all over the world. We need not fear to humbly and respectfully proclaim that God loves us and sent His Son to save us. Jesus is the way to the Father. There is no other way we can be saved from the penalty of our sins. **Discussion:**

- In what ways can Christians be involved in getting the gospel to all people, both near and far?
- How might we respond to those who claim that Christians' claims about the necessity of faith in Christ are arrogant and exclusionary?

Romans 1:18-23

Pray for and warn those who have rejected God and His offer of salvation. We need not feel apologetic about God's judgment. He is not petty or capricious. We should rather pray even more for those who are excluding Him from their lives. Some will claim He does not exist (although they often seem pretty angry with Him). Some will insist that they can define God as they want to. Some will just ignore Him altogether. In all those examples they are deluding themselves and setting themselves up for eternal sorrow. How could we not pray for and warn them! **Discussion:**

- What are some aspects of creation that point to an intelligent, powerful creator?
- How can we respond to someone who says, "Well, it's my life to do with as I please. I'm not hurting anyone else!"

Romans 1:24-32

Accept and live out God's truth, sharing the gospel with those lost in sin. We did not choose how God made us; creation was His work, not ours. We did not choose how God saved us; the gospel is His invention, not ours. Nor do we choose our own moral and ethical standards; morality is based on His nature, not ours. He is God, but He loves us deeply and sent His Son to pay the penalty for our sins. In response to His love and goodness, we can choose to live for Him and to share the good news with others. **Discussion:**

- Why is it so dangerous to reject God and His Word?
- How do we see this downward cycle being played out in our culture?