

**Romans**  
Lesson 2  
**1:16 to 1:32**

**Romans 1**

16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

1. Was Paul close to being ashamed of the gospel?  
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2. What was he really saying by saying "not ashamed" of the gospel?  
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3. What is the importance of the power of God in relation to salvation?  
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4. What condition is added to "everyone"?  
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5. Why first to the Jew?  
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6. Does God have the right to first save the Jews if He wants to?  
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7. What does "revealed" mean?  
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8. Is something that is "revealed" widely known before it is revealed?  
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9. What is revealed in verse 17?  
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10. Where is what is revealed in verse 17 revealed at?  
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11. Do we expect an ordinary person to know the righteousness or justice of God?  
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12. Should we be surprised to hear this question? "If there is a God why is there so much injustice or unrighteousness?"  
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13. In what sense is the righteousness of God by faith?  
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14. Why does a righteousness person have to live by faith?  
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15. What is being revealed in verse 18?  
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16. Where is what is revealed in verse 18 revealed from?  
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17. Should we expect a normal person to know of the wrath of God?

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18. Do most primitive religions speak of a content god or an angry god?

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19. Should a just God have wrath? If so why?

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20. Without the gospel could you confuse an angry God with an unjust God?

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21. What are the two things that God has wrath against?

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22. Who is wickedness committed against?

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23. Who is godlessness committed against?

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24. If God really exists which is most important: wickedness or godlessness?

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25. How does a man suppress the truth?

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26. Does the fact that God gets angry against wickedness and godlessness partially show us that He is just?

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19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

27. Is there something that can be known about God?

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28. What is revealed or made plain in verse 20?

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29. Where is what is revealed or made plain in verse 20 revealed?

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30. What invisible qualities of God are clearly seen?

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31. Is it only Jews or Christians that can see and understand this about God?

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32. What is it that we are without excuse about?

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33. What are the two things that man should do as a result of knowing about God?

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34. Would it be a sin to not do these two things?

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35. Are Christians guilty of not doing these two things?

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36. What does man do instead of what he is supposed to do as a result of knowing about God?

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37. Why is this thinking futile?

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38. What happens to a man who does not do what he is supposed to do after he knows about God?

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39. We could say that this is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

40. What was the result of them becoming fools?

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41. Is it wise to think that an image of a man, a bird, a reptile or any other animal could explain the created world?

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42. Is it wise to think that natural laws alone explain the created or physical world?

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24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

43. What does God give them over to in verse 24?

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44. Did God give them over to something that had nothing to do with them?

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45. Does godlessness only affect us spiritually or does it have a physical effect?

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46. What does God give them over to in verse 26?

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47. Is homosexuality something modern?

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48. What do they receive as a due penalty?

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28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

49. What does God give them over to in verse 28?

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50. Are some of these things part of wickedness or injustice?

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51. What comes first, godlessness or wickedness?

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52. What is it that they invent by themselves?

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53. What is more than continuing to do these things?

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54. On the left side list the three things that are revealed or made known in this chapter:

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55. On the right side write where each of these things are revealed or made known:

56. Is Paul acting like a defense lawyer here or like a prosecuting lawyer?

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