

Romans 1:8-32

LW – From/Paul/Called/Gospel; To/Beloved/Rome; Grace/Peace

TW – Three Parts – Paul’s Desire; Good/Bad News of Gospel

V8-15 Paul’s Desire to Visit Rome

V8 – Thanked God for their Witness to the World – CCSG!

V9-10–1) Commitment/Prayer for them 2) Desire to come to them!

V11-12 – Desire to spend time for Mutual Encouragement!

* Not too knowledgeable that he couldn’t use a little edification!

V13 – Desired fruit among them (**John 15:1-8**)

V14-15 – Thankful to all who helped him, he had one desire in Life

* Desired To preach the Gospel to them! Why?

V16-17 Good News of the Gospel

V16

1. Not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ

2. For IT is the power/God – to Salvation – Separation/Penalty

3. For Everyone who believes – this response is not mere intellectual assent but rather wholehearted involvement in the truth believed.

To believe in Christ is to commit oneself to him. (Wycliffe)

V17

1. In it – The Gospel – The Righteousness of God is revealed

2. Comes From Faith (Given) & Delivers to Life/Faith!

3. Receive an Inheritance that is by faith now, but then real!

4. The just (justified) shall live (now, eternally) by faith!

“Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.” Martin Luther

V18-32 Bad News of the World

V18-19 - The Wrath of God is revealed

* To Those Who chose – “ungodliness” and “unrighteousness”

* Because

1) They suppress the truth

2) Knowledge of God is in them because God has shown them

V20

1. Did not “listen” to creation. “Cries - Creation must have/Creator.” Design/Designer; Machine/Machinist/Mechanic; Watch/Watch Maker
Psalms 19:1-3 (NIV) (David) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. ³There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

V21

2. They knew God (Knowledge was in them) & Did not glorify Him

* Glorify – Praise/Extol – To place value on; Give Value

John 1:10-11 ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Psalms 14:1 (53:1) The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

V22-23

3. Professing to be Wise, Became Fools - Ever know someone who “Talked It Up” about a topic you knew a lot about – more they talked the more absurd they revealed themselves as!

* Changed Incorruptible God for Corruptible things!!!

V24 – Therefore God gave them up to their own desires

Because - **V25** – Exchanged the truth of God for a lie

* Served the creature (themselves); nature;

V26a – Therefore... He gave them up to vile passions

V26b-27 Homosexuality – Leaving natural use–Goes Against Nature!

* Look at the words used to describe these lifestyles

- Vile, That which is against nature, Shameful, Receiving/Penalty/Due

V28 – God gave them over (Same words V24, 26, 28)

V28-32 – Lest be Accused of “Homophobia”

* What a vile, dark, depressing, destructive, lonely, hurtful, unhappy...list -

V32 – And those who approve of those things!

Conclusion

* Compare that with V7b – Grace and peace to you from God...