

Read Through the New Testament in 2009

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➡ MONDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2009

- ACTS CHAPTER 28
- WHY DO YOU THINK PAUL DIDN'T DIE WHEN THE VIPER (SNAKE) BIT HIM?

- HOW LONG DID PAUL STAY AND PREACH IN ROME?

➡ TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2009

- ROMANS CHAPTER 1:1-17
- PAUL SAYS HE'S NOT ASHAMED OF WHAT?

- PAUL SAYS THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY WHAT?

➡ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2009

- ROMANS 1:18-32
- PAUL SAYS MAN EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR WHAT?

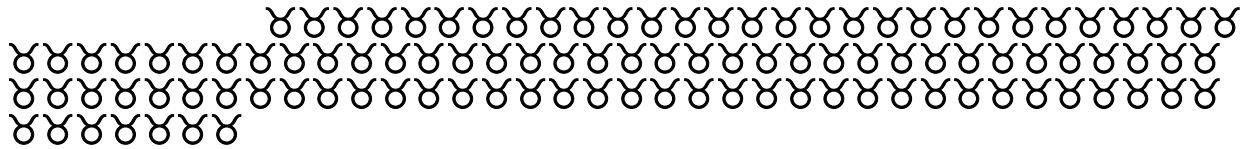
- WHAT DOES HE SAY THEY WORSHIPPED RATHER THAN THE CREATOR?

➔ THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2009

- ROMANS 2:1-16

- WHO DOES PAUL SAY "HAVE NO EXCUSE"?
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- WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE SO QUICK TO JUDGE OTHERS?



➔ FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2009

- ROMANS 2:17-29

- WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE MIGHT ACT LIKE THE JEWS WHO WERE MORE WORRIED ABOUT OUTWARD APPEARANCES THAN WHAT WAS IN THEIR HEARTS?
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Romans Chapter 1

Background:

The Book of Romans is actually a letter (also called an *epistle*) written by the apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome. Because we know that everything in the Bible is 'God-breathed' (meaning inspired by God, and put there because He wants us to know it) we know that it is also a letter from God to us! Paul wrote the letter while he was in Corinth (Greece) during his third missionary journey. He traveled more than 10,000 miles over a twenty year period, going from town-to-town and country-to-country preaching the Gospel of Jesus!

Verses 1- 6

In verses 1-6 Paul introduces himself to the Romans. He tells them of his qualifications to share the Gospel (he's a servant of Christ, called to be an apostle) as well as Christ's authority (Son of God prophesied about in scripture, descendant of King David, resurrected from the dead).

Verse 7

Paul's greeting to the Romans (*remember, this is a letter*).

Verses 8-10

These verses are meant to be an encouragement to the Roman believers. Paul says he's hearing good things about them, and is always praying for them.

Verses 11-13

Paul wants to go to Rome to teach and encourage the Roman Christians, as well as share the Gospel with the many unsaved Romans. Rome is about 600 miles from where Paul is writing his letter (Corinth), and God will lead him many other places before Paul finally gets to Rome about three years later. This is a good lesson for us; sometimes we want the same things God wants for us, but we want them NOW. We need to be patient and trust God's timing.

Verses 14-15

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Verses 16-17

This is Paul's way of saying "Pay attention. This isn't *my* message, it's **God's** message, and through it, you can be saved."

Romans Chapter 1 (continued)

Verses 18-20

We are all sinners, and many will choose to reject God's gift of salvation through His son Jesus. But nobody can claim that he or she didn't know God exists, because His creation reveals (makes it clear) that He does exist.

Verses 21-23

Even though God has revealed Himself to everyone through creation, many have still rejected Him.

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Romans Chapter 2

Verses 1-4

Paul is saying 'Do not judge others'. We are all sinners and we all need to ask Jesus for forgiveness.

Verses 5-11

Even though it seems like sometimes people get away with sinning, in the end God will judge everyone. Only those who have asked for forgiveness of their sins through Jesus Christ will be saved. And because we are grateful for our salvation through Jesus, we will naturally want to live lives pleasing to God.

Verses 12-16

Paul is saying that it is not enough to *know* what is right; we must also *do* what is right. Even in places where the people have never seen a Bible, there is evidence of God's moral laws (remember: we learned in chapter 1 that God's Creation reveals who He is.)

Verses 17-24

Sometimes we think we know so much about being a Christian that we spend all of our time telling others what they should be doing (or what they're doing wrong) and fail to notice that we're really guilty of the same sins. That's called "hypocrisy", which means saying one thing and doing another.

Verses 25-29

Circumcision was an outward sign of God's covenant (promise) with the Jews. Paul is saying that circumcision meant nothing if the people didn't obey God's laws. It's what's on the inside (in our hearts) that matters to God, not what's on the outside. Simply going to church, or even being baptized won't save us – our hearts have to be right with God. And the only way to do that is through Jesus Christ.