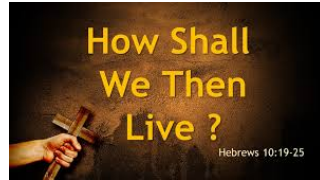


“How Shall We Then Live?”

Part 2: “God Gave Them Up ... the Downward Spiral of Sin!”

Romans 1:16-32



Introduction: “Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them!” - **Romans 1:32**

The rejection of Biblical truth is actually preceded by the rejection of the truth God has revealed in creation.

Psalm 19:1-4:

John 17:24: “Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory ...”

Only by receiving the gracious offer of God in the Gospel can anyone avoid the downward spiral of sin that leads to God’s sure wrath and judgment!

John 3:16 actually declares that all will perish who do NOT believe in Jesus!

I. God’s offer of life ...

Romans 1:16-17:

These verses were used by God in the life of Martin Luther to begin what would be called “The Reformation” of the Church.

The “Romans Road” begins in **Romans 3:23:** “ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:9-20:

Romans 3:21: “But NOW, the righteousness of GOD has been manifested apart from the Law ... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.”

Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, BUT the free gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Romans 10:9-10, 13 ... 14-17: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be SAVED!” (Vs. 9).

II Corinthians 5:21:

Heidelberg Catechism #21, #59: “What BENEFIT do you receive by believing all this?” Answer: “That I am righteous in Christ before God, and an heir of eternal life!”

Philippians 3:7-9:

II. The rejection of God and His offer of life ...

Romans 1:18-23:

From Adam on, the rebellion of the human race has been seen in their “suppression of the truth!”

Acts 17:22-27:

The world has been deceived into believing that there is no Creator, and that everything we see came into being by chance, through what has been called “evolution.”

The problem is not in God, but in mankind’s stubborn refusal to accept God’s revelation, in creation and in His Word ... and finally, in His SON!!!

II Kings 17:9-18:

Ephesians 4:17-19, 5:3-6: “They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart” (vs. 18).

Many in our nation claim to believe in the truth of the Gospel, all the while excusing sin of every kind!

III. The judgment of God upon those who reject His offer of life ...

Romans 1:24-27:

Based solely on Romans 1, there would be enough evidence to convict our nation and the nations of the world.

The evidence is clear that God has given them over to reap the consequences of their rejection of His Word.

Romans 1:28-32:

Where then is there HOPE?? In the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ!!