

## ROMANS 1

### I. INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this lesson will be three-fold: 1) to introduce the students to the book of Romans, ie., Paul's credentials, and why he is writing to them; 2) to state the theme of the Epistle; and 3) to begin focusing on the first major section in Romans - universal condemnation.

### II. OUTLINE:

#### A. Introduction (1:1-15)

Paul introduces himself to the Romans, many of whom do not know him, and states his reasons for writing this Epistle.

1. Salutation (1:1-7)
2. Future Plans (1:8-15)

#### B. Theme of Romans (1:16-17)

In these two verses Paul gives the key to the book - that man is saved because of God's righteousness, ie., faith, not works.

#### C. Universal Condemnation (1:18-32)

Paul states in this section that all man are guilty before God, but in particular, the Gentiles are guilty in Chapter 1. Therefore, one can never say that he was unfairly judged by God.

1. God's Truths
  - a. God Exists (1:18-20)
    - 1) Internally (1:18-19)
    - 2) Externally (1:20)
  - b. God Judges (1:32)
2. Gentiles' Response
  - a. Dishonors God (1:21-23)
  - b. Lusts in the heart (1:24-25)
  - c. Lusts in the actions (1:26-27)
  - d. Lusts in the mind (1:28-31)
  - e. Encourages others to do likewise (1:32)

### III. CONCLUSION AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE:

I would want the students to understand that God has provided everything for salvation, that it is not something we could ever do on our own effort. It is totally and completely by His grace that we are saved. Therefore, if we don't honor Him and give Him thanks, then we will spiral downward toward greater and greater wickedness, and eventually eternal death. Therefore, we should come to Him with a thankful and grateful heart in everything, because if He did everything to save us, then whatever He is doing in our lives is only for our good in drawing us closer to Him. I would have the students make a list of specific things that they are thankful for and use that list this week in their daily prayer time.