

Romans Part 2

Reality Check

Let's go in our Bibles to Romans 1:18-32 (CSB)

1. The **Reality**: The roots of **human rebellion** run deep.

Romans 1:18 (CSB) For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by *their unrighteousness suppress the truth*.

2. The **Result**: God **gives** us what we **want**.

Romans 1:24 (CSB) Therefore *God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts...*

Romans 1:26 (CSB) For this reason *God delivered them over to disgraceful passions...*

Romans 1:28 (CSB) And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, *God delivered them over to a corrupt mind...*

Romans 1:29-31 (CSB) *They are filled with all unrighteousness*, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful.

Romans 1:32 (CSB) Although they know God's just sentence—*that those who practice such things deserve to die*—they not only do them, but even applaud, others who practice them.

Let's continue reading Romans 2:1-4 (CSB)

3. The **Remedy**: God's **kindness** leads us to **repentance** and **renewal**.

Romans 2:4 (CSB) Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that *God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

God's kindness and **love** are made **visible** in Jesus.

Titus 3:4-5 (CSB) But when *the kindness of God our Savior* and his love for mankind appeared, *he saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy*—through the washing of *regeneration* and *renewal* by the Holy Spirit.