FBMC Bible Study

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**“Walking in the Grace of God”**

**Book of Romans**

(Chapter 1 part 2 and Chapter 2)

**Romans 1: 18-23 (ERV)** ***18****God shows his anger (the wrath of God NKJV) from heaven against all the evil and wrong things that people do. Their evil lives hide the truth they have.****19****This makes God angry because they have been shown what he is like. Yes, God has made it clear to them.*

***20****There are things about God that people cannot see—his eternal power and all that makes him God. But since the beginning of the world, those things have been easy for people to understand. They are made clear in what God has made. So people have no excuse for the evil they do.*

***21****People knew God, but they did not honor him as God, and they did not thank him. Their ideas were all useless. There was not one good thought left in their foolish minds.****22****They said they were wise, but they became fools.****23****Instead of honoring the divine greatness of God, who lives forever, they traded it for the worship of idols—things made to look like humans, who get sick and die, or like birds, animals, and snakes.*

* According to Paul, what makes God angry?
* Why do people have no excuse for the evil they do?
* Personal question, what are some idols you worshipped in the past; worshipping now?

**Romans 1: 24-32 (ERV)** ***24****People wanted only to do evil. So God left them and let them go their sinful way. And so they became completely immoral and used their bodies in shameful ways with each other.****25****They traded the truth of God for a lie. They bowed down and worshiped the things God made instead of worshiping the God who made those things. He is the one who should be praised forever. Amen.* ***26****Because people did those things, God left them and let them do the shameful things they wanted to do. Women stopped having natural sex with men and started having sex with other women.****27****In the same way, men stopped having natural sex with women and began wanting each other all the time. Men did shameful things with other men, and in their bodies they received the punishment for those wrongs.* ***28****People did not think it was important to have a true knowledge of God. So God left them and allowed them to have their own worthless thinking. And so they do what they should not do.****29****They are filled with every kind of sin, evil, greed, and hatred. They are full of jealousy, murder, fighting, lying, and thinking the worst things about each other. They gossip****30****and say evil things about each other. They hate God. They are rude, proud, and brag about themselves. They invent ways of doing evil. They don’t obey their parents,****31****they are foolish, they don’t keep their promises, and they show no kindness or mercy to others.****32****They know God’s law says that anyone who lives like that should die. But they not only continue to do these things themselves, but they also encourage others who do them.*

* What are some sinful things people started doing according to Paul?
* Why do you think God allowed them to choose to do things sinful things instead of stopping them?

**Chapter 2**

**Romans 2: 1-4 (ERV)** *So do you think that you can judge those other people? You are wrong. You too are guilty of sin. You judge them, but you do the same things they do. So when you judge them, you are really condemning yourself. 2God judges all who do such things, and we know his judgment is right. 3And since you do the same things as those people you judge, surely you understand that God will punish you too. How could you think you would be able to escape his judgment? 4God has been kind to you. He has been very patient, waiting for you to change. But you think nothing of his kindness. Maybe you don’t understand that God is kind to you so that you will decide to change your lives.*

* What is Paul’s message against judging others?
* What is Paul saying about the kindness of God?

**Romans 2: 5-11 (ERV)** *5But you are so stubborn! You refuse to change. So you are making your own punishment greater and greater. You will be punished on the day when God will show his anger. On that day everyone will see how right God is to judge people. 6He will reward or punish everyone for what they have done. 7Some people live for God’s glory, for honor, and for life that cannot be destroyed. They live for those things by always continuing to do good. God will give eternal life to them. 8But others are selfish and refuse to follow truth. They follow evil. God will show his anger and punish them. 9He will give trouble and suffering to everyone who does evil—to the Jews first and also to those who are not Jews. 10But he will give glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does good—to the Jews first and also to those who are not Jews. 11God judges everyone the same. It doesn’t matter who they are.*

* Whom does God rewards and whom will God punish?

**Romans 2: 12-16 (ERV)** *People who have the law and those who have never heard of the law are all the same when they sin. People who don’t have the law and are sinners will be lost. And, in the same way, those who have the law and are sinners will be judged by the law.*

*13Hearing the law does not make people right with God. They will be right before him only if they always do what the law says. 14Those who are not Jews don’t have the law. But when they naturally do what the law commands without even knowing the law, then they are their own law. This is true even though they don’t have the written law. 15They show that in their hearts they know what is right and wrong, the same as the law commands, and their consciences agree. Sometimes their thoughts tell them that they have done wrong, and this makes them guilty. And sometimes their thoughts tell them that they have done right, and this makes them not guilty.*

*16All this will happen on the day when God will judge people’s secret thoughts through Jesus Christ. This is part of the Good News that I tell everyone.*

* How will God judge those who have the law and those who do not know the law?

**Romans 2: 17-24 (ERV)** *What about you? You say you are a Jew. You trust in the law and proudly claim to be close to God. 18You know what God wants you to do. And you know what is important, because you have learned the law. 19You think you are a guide for people who don’t know the right way, a light for those who are in the dark. 20You think you can show foolish people what is right. And you think you are a teacher for those who are just beginning to learn. You have the law, and so you think you know everything and have all truth. 21You teach others, so why don’t you teach yourself? You tell them not to steal, but you yourself steal. 22You say they must not commit adultery, but you yourself are guilty of that sin. You hate idols, but you steal them from their temples. 23You are so proud that you have God’s law, but you bring shame to God by breaking his law. 24As the Scriptures say, “People in other nations insult God because of you.”*

* What is the message, the warning Paul is giving to the Jews?

**Romans 2: 25-29 (ERV)***If you follow the law, then your circumcision has meaning. But if you break the law, then it is as if you were never circumcised.****26****Those who are not Jews are not circumcised. But if they do what the law says, it is as if they were circumcised.****27****You have the written law and circumcision, but you break the law. So those who are not circumcised in their bodies, but still obey the law, will show that you are guilty.* ***28****You are not a true Jew if you are only a Jew in your physical body. True circumcision is not only on the outside of the body.****29****A true Jew is one who is a Jew inside. True circumcision is done in the heart. It is done by the Spirit, not by the written law. And anyone who is circumcised in the heart by the Spirit gets praise from God, not from people.*

* What is Paul’s message in being a “True Jew” and having a “True circumcision”?