

The Unrighteousness of Man

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: The unrighteousness of man is demonstrated by how we suppress what we know to be true.

There are only two directions in life, either we believe God and are saved or we don't believe God and are condemned. Or to put it another way, either we're under the umbrella of Christ's protection or we're out in the storm of God's wrath, unprotected. The determining factor is faith – agreeing with God, believing in the truth of God's revelation and the salvation he provides in Christ. Those who believe, stand righteous in God's sight; those who do not believe stand unrighteous in God's sight. Paul says something about this unrighteousness of man—they suppress what they know to be true. The only way to change that reality is to turn to the One who saves.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:18-21** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “The Unrighteousness of Man.”

DIG IN

1. We suppress the truth of Who we Are. (Romans 1:18)

According to verse 18, from where is the wrath of God revealed and upon whom is it revealed? In what ways is this a fearful thing?

How does Paul describe sinful man in verse 18? In what ways do we try to hide this truth of who we are?

2. We suppress the truth of What we Know. (Romans 1:19-20)

In what ways is knowledge of God plainly shown to sinful man (v. 19)?

Can you think of Scripture verses that talk about God revealing himself through nature (natural revelation)? If so, what are they?

Why are we without excuse for knowing things about God through creation (v. 20)?

3. We suppress the truth of Who God Is. (Romans 1:21)

In what ways does sinful man dishonor God?

What is the natural result (v. 21)? Why is that a problem?

In what ways is turning from darkness to light (see Romans 1:16-17; John 3:19-21; 2 Corinthians 3:16) the answer to the problem of the unrighteousness of man?

DO

What are practical ways the Christian Church can address this problem and promote its remedy?