

## What's Wrong With The World?

### A Study of the Book of Romans

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**Key Truth:** Mankind in his mind, heart, and actions is filled with every kind of unrighteousness and justly deserves God's righteous condemnation.

You don't have to be a genius to realize there's something not quite right with our world. As the Apostle Paul begins to teach about being justified in God's sight by faith in Christ Jesus, he must first remind us of the utter sinfulness of man. If you're going to provide a solution, you must first define the problem. So, in this final portion of Romans chapter 1, Paul describes the plight of man in his extreme sinfulness. He uses the currently-popular pronouns, "they" and "them," not to show that sinfulness is someone else's problem, but to explain it's universal for all human beings. Thankfully, though God in his mercy and grace has provided the "out" for the dire condition we're in. When we turn back to him in faith in his Son, we are counted righteous in his sight and will not be condemned for these sins.

## DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:28-2:1** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**What's Wrong With The World?**"

## DIG IN

### 1. Debased. (Romans 1:28)

The word translated "debased" ("depraved" – NASB; "reprobate" – KJV) literally means "unapproved." In what ways is the sinful mind "unapproved" by God?

In what ways is the sinful human mind "given up" by God (v. 28)?

### 2. Unrighteous. (Romans 1:29-31)

In what ways is "gossip" and "slander" (vv. 29c-30) evident in our world today? Have you seen it in the church? Why are these acts so wrong?

In what ways are people "haters of God" today (v. 30)?

What kinds of evil have been "invented" recently (v. 30)?

In what ways do parents themselves teach their children to be disobedient (v. 30)?

### 3. Condemned. (Romans 1:32-2:1)

Why is it so offensive in our world today to say that workers of evil "deserve to die" (v. 32)?

In what ways do we "give approval" (v. 32) to those who practice evil?

## DO

Why is the gospel so necessary in addressing the universal wickedness of the human heart, mind, and actions?