

# Romans in Eight Verses

## Part two: Romans 1 v18

### Get ready

If you were to stop people in the shopping centre and ask them what they imagine by the terms 'sin' and 'judgment', what do you think they might answer?

Pray that God would open our hearts to understand what he is saying to us before we object to what he has said!

### Read

Read Romans 1v16-32

How does v18 follow on from v17? (In the Greek, v18 begins with the word 'for')

Why is God angry?

How does the idea of people 'suppressing the truth by their wickedness' compare with popular concepts of 'sin'?

### Reflect

Romans 1 v18-32 is a retelling of Genesis Chapter 3 through to Chapter 11, showing how the Gentile world, all nations, have become trapped in a spiral of sin and selfishness. The human heart and mind are broken. We have turned away from God to embrace idolatry, which means finding ultimate significance in created things and giving ultimate allegiance to things that are not God. The result is a distortion of our humanity and behaviour. What's left is a humanity that stands guilty before a just and righteous God.

Why might Paul be so urgent to communicate the danger of sin and judgment to our world and society today?

### Watch

[Video on Romans 1.18](#)

### Respond

Pray that the Holy Spirit would prevent us from becoming fools and exchange the glory of the immortal God for 'things' that cannot save and evil ways that lead to spiritual death.

What questions do we have concerning how Christian people deal with major contemporary issues that dominate current public discussion?