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Study: Romans
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What's Your Problem? ^{part 1}
Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It



Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness (NIV)

1. Keep _____ (v.18)

2. Reconsider _____ (v.18a)

3. Respect _____ (v.18b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How would the message of the biblical gospel need to be changed if there were no hell or future judgment? In other words, what would we be telling people to be "saved" from?

Read **2 Timothy 4:1-5**. How common is that kind of insipid "gospel" among modern "Christians" today?

2. What are some of the reasons people (even churchgoers) don't like to hear about sin or a coming future judgment?

In your own words, why is the gravity of sin a necessary topic of discussion when it comes to God and salvation?

3. How is God's holiness commonly perceived to be less than it is?

4. Read **Romans 2:5** and **Colossians 3:5-6**. How would you respond to someone who says that God's promised future judgment of sin is not in keeping with God's goodness or kindness?

5. How does a proper understanding of God's holiness and justice change one's value of grace and mercy?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

June 29th

2Chr. 3-4 & Ps. 31-32

June 30th

2Chr. 5-6 & Ps. 33-34

July 1st

2Chr. 7-9 & Ps. 35-36

July 2nd

2Chr. 10-12 & Ps. 37

July 3rd

2Chr. 13-14 & Ps. 38-39

July 4th

2Chr. 15-16 & Ps. 40-41

July 5th

2Chr. 17-18 & Ps. 42-43

July 6th

2Chr. 19-20 & Ps. 44-45

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0812 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Rethinking God**

CD # 0564 – **Understanding the Primary Components of the Good News**

CD # 0810 – **Real Salvation**

CD # 0651 – **A Day of Reckoning: Understanding God's Judgment**

CD # 0778 – **The New Jerusalem and the Lake of Fire**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Clotfelter, David. **Sinners in the Hands of a Good God: Reconciling Divine Judgment & Mercy**. Moody Press, 2004.

Dixon, Larry. **The Other Side of the Good News: Confronting the Challenges to Jesus' Teaching on Hell**. Victor, 1992.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God & Pardon for the Greatest of Sinners**. Barbour, 1998.

Gerstner, John. **Jonathan Edwards on Heaven and Hell**. Baker Books, 1980.

MacArthur, John. **The Love of God**. Word Publishing, 1996.

Morgan, Christopher W. **Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment**. Zondervan, 2004.

Peterson, Robert. **Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment**. P & R Publishing, 1995.

Powlison, David. **God's Love: Better Than Unconditional**. P & R Publishing, 2001.

Ryken, Philip. **Is Jesus the Only Way?** Crossway Books, 2000.

Sproul, R. C. **The Holiness of God**. Tyndale House, 1985.

Thomas, Robert. "Jesus' View of Eternal Punishment," **The Master's Seminary Journal**. vol.9, no.2 (Fall 1998).

White, James. **The God Who Justifies**. Bethany House, 2001.