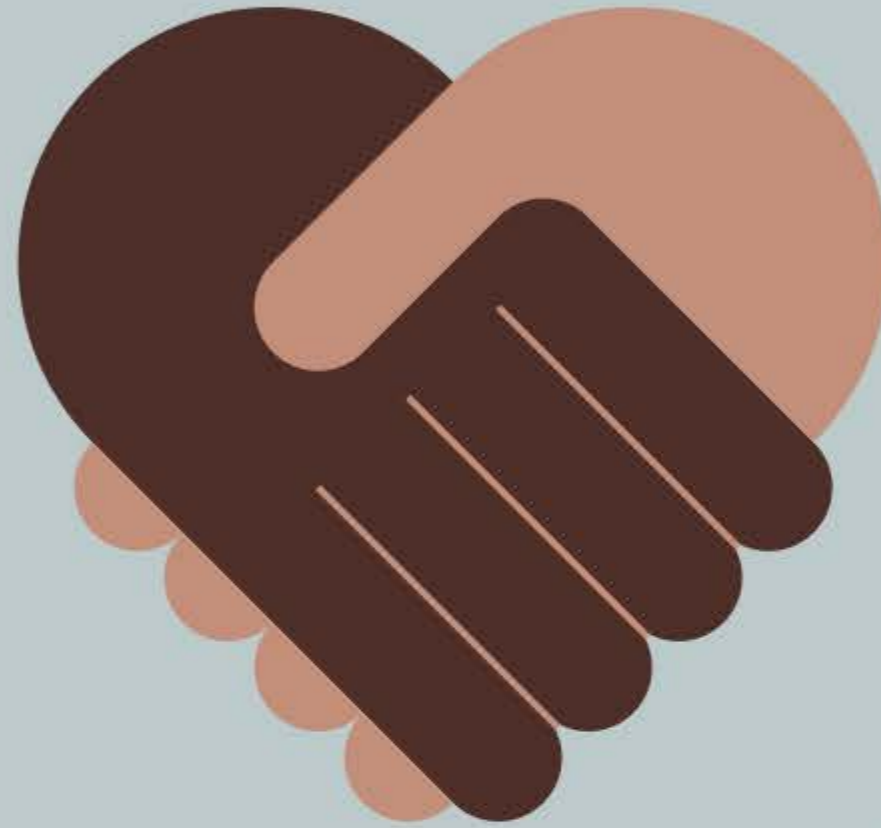


A STUDY OF ROMANS



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WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Who are the **good guys**
and the **bad guys**?



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Romans 1:18–20

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¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the **things that have been made**. So they are without excuse.



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Romans 1:21–23

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²¹ For although they knew God, they did not **honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they **became fools**, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.



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For all people who were ignorant of God were **foolish** by nature; and they were unable from the good things **that are seen to know the one who exists**, nor did they **recognize the artisan** while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world.

Wisdom of Solomon 13:1–2

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Romans 1:24–25

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²⁴ Therefore God **gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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Sometimes the worst **punishment**
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Romans 1:26–27

ESV

²⁶ For this reason God **gave them up** to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.



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Romans 1:28–31

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²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God **gave them up** to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.



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And all things are an overwhelming confusion of blood and murder, theft and deceit, corruption, unfaithfulness, tumult, perjury, turmoil of those who are good, forgetfulness of favors, defilement of souls, sexual perversion, disorder in marriages, adultery and debauchery.

Wisdom of Solomon 14:25–26

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For the worship of nameless idols is the **beginning**
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Wisdom of Solomon 14:27

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Romans 1:32

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³² Though they know God's righteous decree that **those who practice such things deserve to die**, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



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Romans 2:1–2

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Therefore **you have no excuse**, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another **you condemn yourself**, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.



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Romans 2:3

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³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will **escape the judgment of God?**



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Romans 2:4

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⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to **repentance?**



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Romans 2:5–6

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⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will **render to each one** according to his **works**:



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Romans 2:7–8

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⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not **obey the truth**, but **obey unrighteousness**, there will be wrath and fury.



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Romans 2:9–10

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⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but **glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good**, the Jew first and also the Greek.



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Romans 2:11

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¹¹ For God shows **no partiality**.



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