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# Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God



# Romans 1:7

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called  
to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the main point of Romans?

Popular Question:

*“How can a loving God send anyone to hell?”*

Paul’s Question:

*“How can a just God allow anyone in heaven?”*

**Last Week's Sermon:**  
*"Thesis Statement of Romans"*  
Romans 1:16-17

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<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”



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<sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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.

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<sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> 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.

**This Week's Sermon:**  
*"The Wrath of God"*  
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1) What?

2) Why?

3) How?

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<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/wrath>

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## 1 John 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



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- 2) Why is the wrath of God necessary?



Jesus loved the people we hate.

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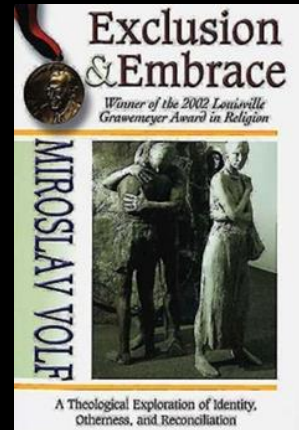


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If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence – that God would not be worthy of worship...*The only means of prohibiting all recourse to violence by ourselves is to insist that violence is legitimate only when it comes from God...*My thesis that the practice of non-violence requires a belief in divine vengeance will be unpopular with many...in the West...[But] it takes the quiet of a suburban home for the birth of the thesis that human non-violence [results from the belief in] God's refusal to judge. In a sun-scorched land, soaked in the blood of the innocent, it will invariably die...[with] other pleasant captivities of the liberal mind.

<https://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0687002826/dashhouse-20>





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## Jeremiah 25:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Thus the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. <sup>16</sup> They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them.”

## Matthew 26:39

<sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”



# 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Revelation 20:6a

<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power.

# Gospel Application

*The good news becomes a lot more good in light of the darkness.*