**GOD’S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT**

Romans 1:18-2:16

Key Verse: 2:5

*“But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.”*

1. Read 1:18-20. Against what is God’s wrath being revealed? What do the words “is being revealed” indicate? In general, how do people respond to the truth? In regards to acknowledging God’s power and nature, why are people without excuse?
2. Read verses 21-23. What is the only proper response toward God? What are the serious consequences expressed in the thinking, hearts and actions of those who deliberately refuse to glorify and thank God?
3. Read verses 24-32. To what did God give such people over (24, 26, 28)? In what way is this an expression of God’s wrath? How do people get progressively worse when they live without God? What are the effects on the lives of individuals, families and society?
4. Read 2:1-3. To whom is Paul speaking, and why are they without excuse? What do people who judge others think about themselves? Why is it wrong to pass judgment on others? How is God’s judgment different from human judgment?
5. Read verses 4-11. In what way do people show contempt for God? Why is God so kind and patient with sinners? Why is having a stubborn and unrepentant heart so serious? On what basis does God judge people (6-8)? What are the consequences of God’s judgment (9-10)? What characterizes God’s judgment (11)?
6. Read verses 12-16. In what sense is God’s judgment fair to both those who are apart from the law, and under the law? What is the standard of God’s judgment for those who do not have the law? Through whom will God judge? As you think about the world waiting for God’s righteous judgment, where can you find true hope?