

## A WORLD THAT SUPPRESSES TRUTH

Romans 1:18-3:20

Lesson 2

Key Verse: 1:18

### \* THE PAGAN WORLD

1. Against whom is God=s wrath revealed? How do men deliberately suppress the truth? What is the truth that they suppress? (19,20,25) Why are people who reject God without excuse?
2. What is the root of sin? (21) Why should men honor and thank God? Why don't they?
3. What is the result of deliberately refusing to glorify God and thank him? What is futile thinking? What does it mean to have a darkened heart? How do men who claim to be wise become fools? (22,23,25, 26)
4. Find the verses that say AGod gave them over to...@ What does this mean? What are the results when God is eliminated from a person=s heart? From his family? From society? (22-25) (26-27) (28-32)
5. Think about verse 32. Why is a world in which truth is suppressed such a pathless wilderness for young people? Why do religious leaders, teachers, educated people not teach young people clearly?

### \* GOD=S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT (2:1-16)

6. Why does God alone have the right to judge men? Why do people want to judge others? What is the great mistake of the outwardly moral man who judges other?
7. Why is God so patient and kind toward sinners? What does God want of all people? Why don't people who know what is right and what is wrong repent?
8. When God=s righteous judgment is revealed what will be his just and impartial standard? What are the things that men seek and how does what a man seeks determine his life direction and whether he is good or evil?
9. How will God reward evil doers? How will he reward those who do good?
10. How does God judge Jews? (Those who have the Bible) and the Gentiles (those who do not have the Bible) without showing favoritism?

### \* THOSE WHO KNOW THE LAW (2:17-2:29)

11. What are the advantages of the Jews and of those who have studied the Bible? How can these strengths become weaknesses that make the people of God enemies of God=s redemptive work in the world? (2:17-24; 3:2)
12. What kind of circumcision is valuable? What does this mean? (2:25-29); Dt 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4)
13. From whom should God=s people seek praise? How can we please God?

\* GOD=S FAITHFULNESS, MAN=S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (3:1-20)

14. What is the advantage of being a Jew, or of being born into a Christian home? Does man=s failure to be a steward of his opportunities cancel God=s faithfulness?
15. What do the quotations from the Old Testament show about what it means to be under sin? What is Paul=s conclusion about the condition of all men? (3:23) What is the purpose of the law?