THE THEME OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Righteousness of God revealed in the gospel

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17

ROMANS 1:21-23 THE ROAD TO RUIN

"because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- {22} Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- {23} and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."

ROMANS 1:24-27 AS A RESULT OF THEM EXPELLING GOD, GOD GAVE THEM UP

- "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
- {25} who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- {26} For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.
- {27} Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

ROMANS 1:32 PRACTICE OF THESE SINS IS NOT ALL THEY DO

"who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."

ROMANS 2:1-3 PRACTICING SIN THAT WE CONDEMN IN OTHERS

"Therefore you have no excuse, you foolish person, everyone of you who passes judgment; for in that matter in which you judge someone else, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

{2} And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

{3 }But do you suppose this, you foolish person who passes judgment on those who practice such things, and yet does them as well, that you will escape the judgment of God?"

ROMANS 2:4-5 MOTIVATIONS TO REPENT

"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

{5} But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,"