



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church
December 16: His Invisible Attributes
Romans 1:18-25

If the Gospel is the good news, what is the bad news?

What in your life has a higher priority than your worship of God?

How can you tell if you value something above God?

Romans 1:18

What is God's wrath?

Against what does God's wrath come?

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Romans 1:19-20

What can all fallen humans know about God?

The Cosmological Argument: Everything that exists has a cause, and it's impossible for the universe to have created itself or to have been created out of nothing. Therefore, there must be a first, uncaused cause or "prime mover" that set the universe in motion.

The Teleological Argument: The universe contains intricate and purposeful designs that cannot be the product of random chance. These designs imply the existence of an intelligent Creator who deliberately made them.

Are those who have never heard the Gospel under the wrath of God?

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 1:21

Even though God reveals something of Himself in creation, what have humans done?

Do you honor God as God?

Romans 1:28 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.

What does Paul mean as he says, they “became futile in their thinking”?

John 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

Romans 1:22-23

What has humanity become?

Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

What has humanity worshipped instead of God?

“Now, I say that whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your god.”
– Martin Luther, *The Large Catechism*

Romans 1:24-25

What is God’s judgment against idolatry?

Are we free to worship whatever and however we please?

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

“People have not taken the knowledge of God seriously. They know that he exists, but they have not wanted to seek him in earnest. Instead they have made a religion that suits them better. And God has let them have their way. This is the punishment that has come upon them.” – Bo Giertz