

# GOD'S WORD IS LIFE

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## THE BOOK OF ROMANS

### SESSION TWO: Study Outline for Romans 1:18-3:20

#### Introduction: The Universality of Sin

**Themes:** Divine wrath, human rebellion, the Law's condemnation, universal sinfulness, need for redemption.

**Objective:** Discover how Paul portrays the devastating extent of human sin and the insufficiency of human righteousness, emphasizing the necessity of God's grace.

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#### I. The Wrath of God Revealed (Romans 1:18-32)

- **Romans 1:18:** The revelation of God's wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth.
- **Romans 1:19-23:** The knowledge of God is evident in creation, but humanity has exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of created things, leading to idolatry.
- **Romans 1:24-32:** The consequences of rebellion are evident in various forms of moral and social decay, which are expressions of divine judgment allowing humanity to follow its sinful desires.

#### II. The Law's Condemnation (Romans 2:12-29; 3:1-20)

- **Romans 2:12-16:** The Law reveals sin, showing that both Jews and Gentiles are under sin's power. The Law is not just about external adherence but about an internal righteousness, from the heart.
- **Romans 2:17-29:** The Jewish law does not exempt its followers from this need for righteousness. True obedience to the Law is not merely external but comes from an inward transformation.
- **Romans 3:1-20:** Paul establishes that all have sinned and are under the Law's condemnation. The Law's primary role is to reveal sin and underscore the need for salvation rather than to provide it.

