



**Week's Aim:** The power of the gospel to save the lost: The descent into darkness.

**Topic for Day 1: An overview of this week's passage - Romans 1:18-32**

1. What do you think is Paul's focus in these verses?
2. What particular words and phrases did you find Paul repeating?
3. Why do you think Paul repeated such words and phrases?

**Application 1:** What will you apply to your life this week from the sermon?

**Topic for Day 2: The truth is revealed about God so no one has an excuse – Romans 1:18-20**

1. How would you define the word "wrath"?
2. In your opinion, why don't hear of "God's wrath" today?
3. What are some reasons Paul gives for God's wrath being justified.
4. In your lifetime, what are some things you have learned about God from nature?

**Application 2:** What have you learned from these verses today that you can apply to your life?

**Topic for Day 3: Humans move into spiritual darkness – Romans 1:21-23**

1. In what ways did people turn from God?
2. What happened to people's thinking when they turned from God?

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3. How would you define the term "darkened heart"?
4. What is the contrast of John 1:4-9 compared to what Paul is writing about in verse 21?

**Application 3:** How might you be "spiritual light" to people you come into contact with today?

### **Topic for Day 4: God gave them over – Romans 1:24-27**

1. What phrase is repeated in these verses? Why do you think Paul stated it twice?
2. What happened that caused people to have such sinful desires?
3. In what way do we see these things going on today?

**Application 4:** Throughout the day, think of ways you might describe the significance of these verses to someone who hasn't heard them before?

### **Topic for Day 5: Humans spiritual darkness becomes complete – Romans 1:28-32**

1. Paul mentioned a "darkened" mind in verse 21, now he speaks of a "depraved" mind (v. 28), what do you think is the difference?
2. Identify some of the wickedness Paul says people desire:
3. What truth does Paul state in verse 32 that people suppress because they want to pursue their desires?

**Application 5:** How has the gospel message gained meaning for you as you finished this passage of Romans?