

Romans 015

“If we all hide it together, no one will ever know”

Romans 1:17-20

Indulgences were monetary gifts/contributions given to the church in exchange for the pope granting entrance into Heaven for the giver or a designated relative.

It's Romans 1:16-17, that God used to turn the world upside down.

***Dikaiosune* refers to the thinking of a judge, leading to his judicial righteousness in allotting to each defendant what is due.**

The justice of God is revealed in the past but now in the Roman era, it is to become a present reality.

“*A righteousness that is by faith from first to last*” is the story of our life from salvation to the time we depart from this world.

Spiritual momentum from biblical perception results in spiritual growth to maturity and this adjustment frees the justice of God to provide maximum blessing for the believer.

It's fascinating that Paul's writing to a church which is predominately Gentile, for just before Nero came to the throne, his step-father Claudius banned all Jews from Rome and only recently had any Jews returned to Rome.

We don't have to fail because other believers fail and we don't have to neglect the Word because other believers do.

Apart from adjustment to the justice of God on a daily basis, there is no blessing from God for us personally or for those associated with us, in this case, the nation.

Our value before God is not simply something we receive once by faith at the beginning of our Christian lives; it's something we remind ourselves of every time we feel depressed, discouraged or defeated.

God's righteousness is His absolute standard and His justice is the application of that standard to His creatures that are moral, volitional and have responsibility and when they fail to meet the standard of His righteousness; His justice must condemn them.

It's an anthropomorphism, meaning that something related to human form is applied to God, but God doesn't actually possess it.

Anger is a response to a change of circumstances where we don't get our way.

The phrase “*the wrath of God*” simply expresses the severity of judgment and not an emotional reaction.

The “*wrath of God*” is not used to describe eternal condemnation, but only God's temporal judgment on mankind.

***EUSEBEIA* is translated “godliness” usually, from the old English word Godlikeness which means that we are to be conformed to the image of God.**

Jesus summarized the Law by saying that all of the Law is “Love the Lord your God for all your heart, soul, mind (1st half of the 10 Commandments) and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself (2nd half of the 10 Commandments).”

So this is a rejection of that.

People don't want to have a place for God so they find a place in their soul to stuff Him in a dark corner, so they don't ever have to deal with Him.

Everything God has created has His fingerprint on it and every time people look at a tree, a flower, or a snowflake, they are crying out with a piercing sound, that it can't happen by chance.

There is an affinity between God and the image of God in us so that our souls inherently testify to the existence of God because we are human beings.

The statement “God exists” is as theological and religious as the statement “God does not exist.”

Anything and everything ultimately goes back to 1 of those 3 positions and it's ultimately a religious statement.

What happens because of sin influenced free-will, is that he starts to suppress it: “I don't want anyone else to be over me, so I'm going to figure out how to deny God's existence.”

The nature of being human is that you know you are in the image of God; you are a reflection of Him.