

## I. GOD'S CONDEMNATION OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS FOR THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. The first major strand of thought in this section is that of mankind's unrighteousness.

Paul develops two lines of evidence to demonstrate that all unsaved human beings are unrighteous.

1. In the first line of evidence he shows that all unregenerate human beings are opposers of the truth of God -- the revelation of the knowledge of God as divine, all-powerful Creator, righteous Lawgiver, and just Judge.

Instead of glorifying, worshipping, thanking, serving, and obeying God, unregenerate human beings reject Him and accept lies, create false gods, and worship and serve them instead of Him. Note 1:18-23, 25, 28:

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

2. In the second line of evidence Paul shows that all unregenerate human beings are transgressors of the of God -- the revelation of the righteous will of God addressed to man's obedience.

Instead of giving hearty obedience to God's righteous Law, they turn to various forms of unrighteousness and practice them, even though they know that their sin is wrong, and that a life of unrighteousness justly deserves divine retribution.

The Law of God reveals God's perfect standard of righteousness, which in turn reflects God's attribute of righteousness.