

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 16, 2021
Romans 1:18-32

1. Why does this passage, specifically verse 18, say that the wrath of God is being revealed?

What might it mean to “suppress the truth by [your] wickedness...”? _____

2. How does this passage say that we should know God exists, according to verses 19-20?
 - a. We have read the Bible.
 - b. Somebody preached to us who we trust.
 - c. God’s invisible qualities can be seen in his creation.
 - d. God has made himself plain to us through what we see all around us.
3. Verses 19-20 begin with the word ‘since.’ What does this suggest about the relationship between wrath of God, suppressing the truth, and our awareness of the truth? _____

4. What do verses 21-23 suggest (like verse 20) about the reasons that we fall into sin?
 - a. It is usually an accident.
 - b. We don’t know any better.
 - c. We often know better, but we would prefer to choose our own way than glorify God so we make the decision to trade
5. Why does this passage seem to say that sin gets progressively worse?
 - a. It starts when we know that God exists, but we try to pretend that he doesn’t.
 - b. When we don’t want to listen to God, we suppress the truth that he reveals to us.
 - c. When we don’t glorify God or give thanks to him, our hearts, initially lightened by God’s revelation of himself to us, are darkened.
 - d. After a time, God gives us over to our sinful desires.
6. What does this passage suggest is the natural outcome of God giving us over to the sinful desires of our hearts, according to verses 24-31?
 - a. We degrade our bodies with one another.
 - b. We worship (honor, adore) created things rather than the Creator.
 - c. Eventually we are so overcome with the desire to please ourselves that our desires will go on to “unnatural” ways of pleasing ourselves.
 - d. We become filled with “wickedness, evil, greed, depravity, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice.
 - e. We become gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent arrogant and boastful.
 - f. We are senseless, faithless, heartless, and ruthless.
 - g. We ignore God and what we know is right and continue to do things that we know are wrong and approve of and encourage others to do the same.