

IRON LEAGUE MEN'S STUDY

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 1:16-32

Lesson 2

Day 1: Read Romans 1:16-17

According to Romans 1:17a, what is revealed through the gospel?

- a. Consider the absolute holiness and love of God and the abject sin of man (Romans 1:17b). How does the gospel reconcile these? See also Isaiah 53:5-6.

Day 2: Read Romans 1:18-23

Romans 1:18b states that men suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Romans 1:19-20 (NLT) explains how men do this: They know the truth about God because He has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. What invisible qualities of God do you see expressed in creation?

Day 3: Read Romans 1:24-27

Note and comment on the sinful behavior God *gave them up to* as a result of man's willful suppression of the truth. (Romans 1:24)

- a. When God *gave them up*, He allowed man to experience the results of his own choices. What does this convey to you about God? See also Genesis 6:3a.



Day 4: Read Romans 1:28-32

According to Romans 1:32a, what does man know?

- a. Where does this conviction come from? See John 16:7-11.
- b. In spite of this knowledge, what does mankind *do*? Romans 1:32b

(1) Share an example from the headlines of today's news that validates this fact.

Day 5: Review

In light of your study this week, how does the condition of man accentuate:

- a. The truth of the Gospel
- b. The power of the Gospel
- c. The need for the Gospel

