

Romans 1  
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Romans 1:16-23 (pg. 935)

Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ something.

The first option of what to worship: \_\_\_\_\_. (16-17)

Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT, pg. 820) Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

The second option of what to worship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(anything other than God). (21-23)

Exodus 20:3-5a (NLT, pg. 63) “You must not have any other god but me. “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them...

Everyone is presented with the \_\_\_\_\_. (20)

Romans 1:24-32 (pg. 935-936)

What you worship dictates your \_\_\_\_\_ standard.

You can't \_\_\_\_\_ your own heart.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT, pg. 641) “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”

The effect of worshipping an idol:

1. Trade the truth for a \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 25)

Result: worship the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the creator (vs. 25)

2. Thought it foolish to \_\_\_\_\_ God.  
(vs. 28)

Result: Their lives became \_\_\_\_\_ of... (vs. 29-31)

3. Know God's standard but \_\_\_\_\_ it. (vs. 32)

Result: bring others along with them (vs. 32)

The effect of worshipping God:

Romans 1:16-17 (NLT, pg. 936) For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

1. Salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith.

Result: Not \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

Final Thought: What you worship will dictate the direction and results of your entire life. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of your journey?

## Romans week 1 Discussion Questions

Romans is one of the most well know and popular books of the Bible. How familiar are you with this letter from Paul? What are some of your favorite passages and/or verses? Read Romans 1:8-15. What stands out to you about these opening personal thoughts and encouragements?

Worship is a word that can mean lots of different things in this world. In your own words, how do you define worship? Read Romans 1:18-20. Have you ever heard the term “Natural Theology”? If so, what does it mean? How does the statement in verse 20, “they have no excuse for not knowing God”, make you feel? Explain. Read Psalm 19:1-6. How does David’s perspective here compare to Paul?

Paul also makes a lot of bold and potentially offensive statements in this letter as well (read 1:26-27). Do you see Romans as a “back to the basics book” or a lesson on “how not to be politically correct”? How do verses 26-27 connect to verses 28-32? Why is it so important to connect these two passages? Explain. What is your reaction to the phrase “love the sinner, hate the sin”?

“If we worship God – then He gets to decide the moral standard. If we worship anything else – the moral standard is a sliding scale.” Do you agree with this perspective? Why or why not? How does this concept apply to our world today? Explain. Read Psalm 19:7-14. What does this psalm teach us about God’s standard? Read Romans 1:28-32. How do these two passages compare to each other?