

The Tragic Sense of Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1:18-23.
- B. The good news is that the power of Christ can reach us repeatedly.

II. God's wrath.

- A. The reason we need the gospel is that men everywhere are experiencing the wrath of God.
- B. The wrath of God is going on right now.
- C. The tragic sense of life is the wrath of God of which Paul speaks.
- D. The cause of God's wrath is the attitudes and actions of man.
- E. Wickedness towards men springs from godlessness.
- F. The truth that men seek to suppress is the truth of God's eternal power and majesty.

III. Creation has made God's existence clear.

- A. It is absurd to say that creation has come by chance.
- B. The man must believe that God is there and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)
- C. Nevertheless, God is ignored everywhere.
 - 1. Man's thinking becomes futile; man's heart becomes dark.
 - 2. Man acts like God claiming His ability--they become fools.
 - 3. God's image is exchanged for idols.

IV. The wrath of God is fully met by the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ.

Application questions:

- 1. What is the wrath of God?

2. Why do people struggle so much today with the concept of God's wrath?

3. What would a world be like without God's wrath? Explain.
