

# Sin

## Romans 1

### 1. Intro

1. Paul gives us an introduction
  1. He is an apostle called by God (1)
    1. Damascus road (Acts 9:3-4)
2. Good news was promised by the prophets (OT) (2)
  1. How He would be born (virgin) and what His name would be (Immanuel) Isa 7:14
  2. Where He was born (Bethlehem) Micah 5:2
  3. Would be from King Davids Line (II Sam 7:13-14)
3. The Good News is about Jesus (3)
  1. Son of Man (line of David) (3b)
    1. Born of a virgin
  2. Son of God (4)
    1. Raised in power to glory
4. Priviledge and authority to preach (5)
5. Those who are called to Jesus are called Holy (saints)

### 2. Theme of the Book

1. Good News about Jesus (16-17)

### 3. Sin

1. God is against sin (18)
  1. He is known through His creation (20)
    1. Natural revelation
  2. He is known through His word
    1. Special revelation.
2. People began to create ideas about what God was like (21b)
  1. They began to worship idols (23), things they created.
  2. They began to do what was in their hearts (24)
    1. God “abandoned”; gave them over to their sinful state.
  3. They became wicked (29-30)
3. They know they are accountable, but go ahead anyhow (32)

### 4. Application

1. Intro
  1. Know that Jesus was both God and man.
  2. We have the same privilege and authority to preach the Good News
  3. We are saints (set apart to be Holy)
2. Sin
  1. God is against sin. He needs to eradicate it. (18)

1. Look at what people will engage in. (29-30)
2. We try and substitute other things for God.
  1. Make up ideas about God that will suit our needs.
  2. Or throw out God altogether
    1. Idol = science
3. The heart is wicked (Jer 17:9-10)
2. God wants to deal with the power of sin which it has over us.
  1. Evil mars his creation and destroys people that He loves.
  2. He gives us every opportunity to get out from under the power of sin.
    1. That is why Jesus came.
  3. By destroying sin God opened the door to a future without it.
  4. If you are caught in sin and will not leave you get taken out in the process.
    1. Pagan people in Israel (OT)
    2. Israel herself (OT)
    3. Paul on the Damascus road.
  5. Jesus will deal with the power of sin in the future to bring back His creation as He wants it.

## 5. Conclusion

1. We, like Paul, have the privilege to teach and preach.
2. We see God in our creation everyday.
3. We need to look into our hearts very closely and let Jesus eradicate the sin that has power over us.