

Romans

(5) All are Guilty

Natural revelation for everyone...1:19-20

How does everyone get the truth, which we later suppress? vs.19-20

We get the truth about God from Him. His invisible qualities are clearly seen.

What are the specific "invisible" truths He reveals? vs.20

His eternal (everlasting) power and His divine nature. This is about Who He is.

These truths are not just visible, they're? vs.19-20

They're plain, they're clearly (to stare at, apprehend) seen (both mentally and physically).

And what means does God use to communicate these truths? vs.20; Ps.19:1-6; Rom.2:15

Externally, the created universe. Internally, our conscience, the Law within.

Is this related to Jew/Gentile? Male/female? Nationality, color, rich, poor, etc?

No exceptions. God has made it plain to everyone. Clearly understood...

And because of this revelation and the ungodliness, what's the conclusion? vs.20

Everyone is without excuse (indefensible, inexcusable). We are all guilty right here.

Is this person condemned because of rejecting Christ?

Not directly. No mention of Christ and the gospel yet. This condemnation is universal.

The universal consequences...1:21-23

What does God expect of us (because of seeing His 'invisible' truths)? vs.21a IChron.16:24-30

He expects that we would glorify Him as God (no pride) and give thanks to Him. But...

Does God ever give even more revelation of Himself? Acts 14:17; Heb.1:1-2

Absolutely! By His goodness, by the prophets, by the Scriptures, by (His) Son, witnesses.

What is this process called? As more 'revelation' is given, what's the result?

Progressive revelation. More light, greater condemnation, Mt.11:21-24

Does this progressive revelation then excuse those who don't have it? vs.20

Absolutely not. Creation and conscience is enough. We are all without excuse.

What is the first of the two results of our refusal to honor/glorify God? vs.21

Became futile in speculations (reasoning)! Rejecting Truth results in foolishness excuses.

What is the second of the two results? vs.21

Foolish (without understanding) minds became darkened (obscured). Evil deeds, Jn.3:19

While professing to be wise, they became fools. This results in what? vs.22-23

Exchange God's glory (the Creator) for images of (His) created things. The wisdom of fools

How do we in America today 'exchange God's glory'?
