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All Messed Up
Romans 1:18-2:4

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*
 Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*
 Galatians 3:22 *But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.*
 Isaiah 53:6 *All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.*
 Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?*
 Psalm 51:5 *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*
 Job 25:4 *How then can a man be just with God? Or how can he be clean who is born of woman?*
 Genesis 6:5 *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
 James 3:2 *For we all stumble in many ways; if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.*
 1 John 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.*
 Proverbs 20:9 *Who can say, 'I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin'?*

I. The Root of Sin-- _____.

Rom. 1:18-23 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.*

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II. The _____ of Sin.

A. Lusts of the Heart

Rom. 1:24-25 *Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

B. Degrading Passion

Rom. 1:26-27 *For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

C. Depraved Mind

Rom. 1:28-32 *And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

III. Don't _____ Others.

Rom. 2:1-4 *Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.³ But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have I felt judged by others? By Christians? Did that feeling of judgment lead me closer to God or drive me away from God?
2. When have I judged others? How do I tend to judge others? Who do I tend to judge? (Co-workers, neighbors, people I don't know, people who are different religions, ethnicities, or political opinions.)
3. How could my judgmental spirit keep me from God's grace? How could it keep others from God's grace? What would it look like if I practiced, "Knowing that the kindness of God leads to repentance"?



