

## **Matthew 24 Series - Romans 1**

### **Part 17 in the Series - Second Coming of Christ in the Book of Romans**

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Here's a new song I prepared for this morning's message. Listen to Burdens are Lifted at Calvary. That song is old, I sang it as a child. It's how many times I've heard Christians say, "Jesus is right here with me." Or, as the song says, "Jesus is very near." But when it comes to the Kingdom of God and the Kingship of Christ, the biggest majority of people who claim Christ, require that He come again in the flesh - in order to be King.

Before I get into today's message, I'm going to deliver a bit of a rant. It's going to step onto some toes - *imagine that* - one of my messages stepping on toes - but I'll break from the norm today and get into a bit of a discussion that pertains to our series - but it's more of a current affairs discussion.

I'm not normally fazed in the least or apprehensive about naming names - but I'm not going to this time because if I named one name - I'd have to keep going and I'd spend the whole message time just saying names. It isn't necessary.

But, this week, I was referred to an article online written by a very famous Christian author who was writing about how glad he was that Trump had saved America from Hillary Clinton.

And I hear things like this all the time. And to be quite honest with you, I have absolutely no idea what that even means. I can't believe how ridiculously naive the common people are and then when I see how ridiculously naive the people they listen to are - I just scratch my head in amazement that so few people actually get what's going on.

Hillary would have taken the guns. Hillary would have flooded the country with illegals. Hillary would have advanced the sodomite agenda. Hillary this, Hillary that. The truth is - Hillary would have only advanced the agenda of the New World Order - only to the extent that whoever is behind it all - feels that the people are ready to accept.

The truth is, every single U.S. president - at least in my lifetime - has simply prepared the path for the next president. It's the same old story we've been told over and over about the frog in the hot water. If you throw the frog in the hot water - he'll immediately jump out. But if you put him in the water and gradually turn up the heat - he'll stay in there until he's dead.

This is all a huge game for somebody or somebodies whoever they are. They created Republican and Democrat. Conservative and liberal. And there isn't much difference between any of them.

But the so-called Christian preachers, commentators, conservative talk show hosts, etc., continue to push this deception that the Republicans are somehow blocking the evil agenda of the Democrats - when all they really are is just the thermostat controlling the heat levels that are killing the frog. The Republicans are just tempering the timing of the evil agenda - they aren't stopping it. By the way, if you think the wall is for keeping people out - huh, you better think again and look at one of the last walls that was built for the supposed purpose of safety. That wall ended up being something that when Germans tried to climb it to get OUT of Germany - they were killed. I've got my doubts as to whether very many were trying to get in.

I showed you last week how that in Matthew 2, Herod called on the wise men to help him find the One Who was born King of Israel - why? - so that he could come and worship Him. Then, when the wise men failed to lead Herod to the Christ - Herod revealed his true motives and killed all the babies under the age of 2.

When you have people that put themselves in places of domination over other men - and they are not ruling - and again - you need to understand what Godly Ruling means. It doesn't mean that you are beating people into conformity. Godly Ruling means that you are measuring - Ruling comes from Rule - a ruler - a measuring stick - Godly Ruling is measuring the activities of people by the Word of God.

The Law, the Statutes, the Commandments, the Perfect Will of God for His creation are the tick marks on the measuring stick - if you are not measuring the activities of the people according to this measuring stick - then I don't care what you call yourself - Republican, Democrat, liberal, conservative, libertarian, anarchist, you are going to absolutely destroy whatever society you are involved in.

Good grief, people, look around us. The chaos we are seeing is the result of the system that has been created by men - in pure defiance of what God said He wants for His creation.

Men are NOT capable of making laws. God alone has reserved that job for Himself - that's why the Scriptures say - as plainly as they can say -

Isaiah 33:

[22] For Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our **lawgiver**, Yahweh is our king; he will save us.

Too Old Testament for you?

James 4:

There is one **lawgiver**, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Both of these passages say that Yahweh is Judge, God, King and Saviour. And I'm telling you today that if Yahweh is not your Judge, God, and King - then He's not going to be your Saviour.

American Christians love to have their saviour - but I'm telling you today that if He's not your Judge, God and King, then He's not your Saviour.

How can God be our Judge, God and King today?

Simple. He's our King when we accept His Laws, His Commandments, His Statutes and His Perfect Will for His Creation.

He's our Judge when we put people in our society who dedicate their lives solely toward the study of the King's Laws, then decisions are made when controversy arises based upon Yahweh's Laws, Commandments, Statutes and His Perfect Will for His Creation.

Don't fool yourself America. We think we have a Saviour without that Saviour being God and King? We're wrong. This is why we're in the shape we're in - because we have another king, we have set judges over us who do not know God or His Law - and consequently because of the Laws of God are not being established - whoever's laws are established - that is your king and your judge - and you must look to them to be the saviour.

Americans love Jesus during Christmastime - because He's a helpless little baby lying in a manger. But friends, the wise men from the east did not come to Bethlehem to worship a little baby - they came looking for He Who was born, King of Israel.

I'm sorry to tell you - but you can't have the Saviour without having the King. And we are total fools if we think we can.

American Christianity resembles nothing of what it meant to truly be a follower of Christ when that faith was once delivered to the saints. Those men went around the world preaching that this Jesus, Whom ye have crucified and slain, hath God made both Lord and Saviour. You aren't getting Saviour without the Lord. Preaching the Saviour without the Lord is a modern day concoction of a religion that has no basis whatsoever in the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Preaching a Saviour without a Lord is exactly what has produced the society in which we currently find ourselves living in today.

I particularly, after what my family has been experiencing for the past almost 3 years now, take real offense to people who try to say that the Republicans are somehow different or better than the Democrats.

There are men and women in Lawrence County, Missouri right now - who want to see me dead and see my family destroyed - and not a single one of them are Democrats. Not a single one of them are Muslims or blacks or Mexicans. Every single one of them are white, anglo-saxon Baptists and Lutherans who most all would claim to be followers of Christ.

I have not broken one single one of their statutes. Not one. But they have devised and crafted by lying, by conspiracy amongst each others - to do everything they can to get rid of me. And why? I've told you before, the arresting policeman looked at me right in my face and said, "I arrested you because of the books on your website."

Many people claim to be horrified at Nazi censorship - book burning, etc. And all the politicians will cite "religious freedom" and this is a great Christian nation - but I was arrested in America - in 2015 - because of my books that do nothing but teach men and women, boys and girls that Jesus Christ is King.

I am preaching the hope of the world. The hope of America. That salvation comes from accepting Christ - the Anointed One - the King of kings and Lord of lords - and the Republican Christians in Lawrence County, Missouri, find that so offensive that they are willing to do whatever it takes to silence that message.

So, yeah, I could a little bothered when I hear people talk about how the Republicans are the only thing standing in the way of those evil democrats.

From where I sit, I've not had my freedom and life attacked by a democrat - it's been white, so-called christian republicans that have caused me the most harm.

None of them - not a single one of them - are advocating for the King Jesus. Not a single one of them are advocating for the Laws of God.

I'm just amazed again at the so-called Christians who were kicking and screaming over Brett Kavanaugh. Not only are so-called Christians not demanding judges - that meet the qualifications according to the Scriptures - but we are so far removed from Godly judges because so-called Christians believe that standard of qualification is not for today. Amazing. Absolutely amazing.

This is all a result of not studying the Scriptures to know what the Word says. It is a result of blindly following preachers, leading, etc., without doing as I John 4:1 says:

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the **spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

We have followed preachers who are wolves in sheeps clothing. We have completely disregarded all warnings from the Scriptures for a variety of reasons. We have left the simplicity of Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom and we are so far down the rabbit hole now, I have no idea what it's going to take for us to recover from it.

One of the most simplistic teachings - the Perfect Will of God for His people is in this passage of I John 4:

[1] Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

[2] Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

[3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

I can't read verse 3 without particularly calling attention to the time of the Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy. Notice, this again -

and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

*Even now, already, is it in the world.* Fulfilled in that generation - 2,000 years ago.

And from II John 2:

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

[8] Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

[9] Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

[10] If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

[11] For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Notice again, the deceiver and an antichrist - fulfilled in that generation to those people.

But the point of these passages is the simplicity of the Perfect Will of God. As followers of Christ - how do we know who and what is of God?

Very very simple.

Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

[3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

This is as clear as it can be. Every one that confesses that Jesus Christ - Jesus the Christ - Jesus the Anointed One - Jesus the King - is come in the flesh is of God; And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God.

Pretty simple.

Back to verse 7:

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

So what are we to learn? There are deceivers out there. And those deceivers are telling people that Jesus was not the Christ. And those deceivers, those that are telling people

that Jesus is not the Christ - are antichrist.

The Jew in 2018 in America - right in our midst - and in the middle east - does not believe that Jesus was the Christ who came in the flesh. And according to the Scripture, if you believe that - you are antichrist.

But the modern 501(c)(3) government preacher in America today - preaches that the Jew is God's Chosen people. And you are supposed to support them, give them your money, fight wars against their enemies - both real and imaginary.

How could something be so twisted and so clearly opposite of what the clear and concise teachings of the Scriptures are?

Follow the teachings of the deceivers that we are clearly warned about in these passages - and you will see how we have ended up in the place we are today.

All these guys that preach that the so-called Jew is God's chosen people have one major theme in common - and that is that the Fulfillment of Bible prophecy has not yet occurred and that it will happen in the future.

When you preach that someone is God's Chosen people - and those people do not believe that Jesus the Christ has already come in the flesh - then you are a deceiver - plain and simple. I don't care who you are. I don't care how many come to your "buildings" to hear you speak - I don't care how successful you appear to be - I don't care how eloquent your speech is - it's plain and simple - if you preach that someone belongs to God and that someone - anyone - does not believe that Jesus Christ - did not already come in the flesh - you are teaching a lie.

This is why John warned concerning men who would seduce you and try to remove you from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Paul warned in II Corinthians 11:

[3] But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the **simplicity** that is in Christ.

Christ told His disciples in Matthew 24:33-34:

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.  
[34] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

It just can't get much more simple than that.

So, I said everything that I just said to begin this message to conclude that for the true follower of Christ - we are not to condone, we are not to approve, we are not fellowship with - anyone who does not teach that Jesus was the Christ and came in the flesh. We need to quit saying that the Republicans are better than the democrats or the conservatives are better than the liberals - if they - if anyone - is not advocating for the Jesus the Christ - then they should not be getting our seal of approval. If someone is not advocating for the Kingship of Christ - then they are a deceiver and an antichrist.

Harsh? Yeah. We live in some pretty harsh times.

Look with me to Romans 1. We are going to continue trying to prove that the Second Coming of Christ, as described in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 was an event that was prophecied to occur at a specific time and place and to a specific generation of people - and that time, place and people were the generation that the Son of God was sent to. It was the generation of people, time and place where the Son of God was made flesh and walked among men.

Romans 1:

[1] Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

[2] (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Right from the very start of the letter, we see Paul saying that Christ was the fulfillment of the prophets in the holy Scriptures.

I'd ask you to remember back a few weeks ago when we were discussing Luke 24. It was after the execution of Christ and His resurrection from the dead.

He told His disciples in verses 44-45:

[44] And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

[45] Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Now, from the Law of Moses and the prophets, how many things must be fulfilled concerning Christ? It says All. Let's believe Christ. Let's follow after the simplicity of the Gospel. Paul starts off his letter to the Romans by telling them that Christ fulfilled



the prophets. That occurred over 2,000 years ago. So Paul is reminding them of the present day reality of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - not some time 2,000 years away. Verse 3:

[3] Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Here again. Look at what is being said.

Concerning God's Son. And specifically, Jesus - and more so - Christ - the anointed one - and Lord - the One Who is Supreme in authority - and finally - which was made of the seed of David.

Paul is going to great detail to make it absolutely clear Who he was talking about and what His title was. He was saying, "This Jesus, who was the promised One from Moses through the prophets, it is this Jesus Who is God's Son, the Messiah - the King of Israel."

There is no mistake who Paul was preaching and he was NOT preaching futurism in any shape or form. He is making it abundantly clear that Christ was King - right then.

Verse 4:

[4] And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Not only was He declared to be the Son of God - but He was declared with power - remember all His miracles? Remember Him raising Lazarus from the dead? Remember His spirit, His kindness, His love, His dedication to the Laws of God? Remember He was raised from the dead.

[5] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

What is obedience to the faith? It's what I keep saying over and over. If you put yourself in the shoes of these first century believers - you should get a better grasp of it.

The Israelites had been promised a Messiah - all the way back from Moses. The Messiah was going to be a great Deliverer like Moses. He was going to be a King - even greater than what David was. And these people are taking it BY FAITH - that Jesus was the fulfillment.

Look, this Jesus had just been executed by the Romans - an absolute total world power

at that time - He had been executed as a common criminal - Christ's Kingship had seemingly been crushed by the Romans and Paul is now telling these people that because of the resurrection of Jesus - this Jesus WAS the promised Messiah - the King of Israel - and BY FAITH - they were to accept the Kingship of Christ and live according to His teachings.

This was not nearly as easy back then - as the modern version of christianity is today.

The Romans were still in power. Herod had shown the world what lengths he would go to, to suppress anyone that showed any rivalry to the Romans - even to the extent of murdering innocent babies. The Romans - at the insistence of the jewish priests had Jesus executed - and now Paul and the other apostles were telling people that the priests had it wrong - the Romans had it wrong - and Jesus was Who He said He was.

Verse 6:

[6] Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

At this point, it's not sufficient enough to say that they were called of Jesus. In the book of Romans, I believe there is only 1, maybe 2 times, where Paul called Him - only as Jesus. Every other time Paul makes it very clear that he is talking about Jesus the Christ. Jesus the King. Or, Christ Jesus, King Jesus. Anointed Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ.

Lots of people are more than happy to have Him as Jesus the Saviour - but there's not many that want Him as Jesus the King.

Now verses 7-8 of Romans 1.

[7] To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[8] First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Do I need to remind you now of Matthew 24:14? Or did you see it already?

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

I am sad for John Chau. I hope you, too. If you are sad for John Chau, I'd say that you are in the minority. At least you would believe so if you had read the comments after the many articles on the Internet that talked about his death.

John was the 28 year old young man - who - in my opinion - had a very devout love for Jesus. However, I believe that he was misguided - but nonetheless - I'm not going to criticize him.

John was the pentecostal missionary who last week was murdered by the tribe of savages off the coast of India. It was said that John believed that God wanted him to go to those savages and preach Jesus to them. When he arrived on the shores of the island, he was greeted with arrows - one of which supposedly pierced his Bible. He fled but returned the next day. This time, he was hit and killed by an arrow.

There's one thing reported in this story that really intrigues me. And that is that it was supposedly "against the law" for John, or anyone, to have gone to that island. Well, against who's law? This young man, and I believe he truly felt that God had told him to go that island. And if that's true, then unapologetically I'm going to say - then he had better obeyed God. If God - through His Word - tells you to do something - you better obey.

Note particularly that I qualified my statement - that God - through His Word - tells you to do something. My statement will be taken out of context and used against me by evil men who do not know the Bible, they do not know the Will of God and they will construe that statement to say, "He is lawless."

That is a lie. I am not lawless and I will never use the Word of God to try to excuse my behavior in any way that God would call my actions Lawless.

Our Lord said - in reference to His own body - "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in 3 days..." The enemies of Christ back then - who are the same ones today - took the words of Christ and tried to say that Jesus was a terrorist who was going to bomb the temple.

Telling people to obey God no matter what anyone else says or does - no matter whether someone has a "law against it" is not a threat to anyone anywhere. It is an offer of salvation and it needs to be heeded rather than persecuted.

The thing that saddens me about John Chau's story - is this. Knowing that he was a pentecostalist, a fundamentalist, I can only surmise that he was a futurist also. I am quite sure that it will come out at some point, that John felt like he needed to go to that remote tribe off India so that he could fulfill Bible prophecy that the Gospel would be preached to the whole world - and then the end would come.

I am not the least bit opposed to preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world - even today - but friends the Gospel of the Kingdom needs to be preached here -

in America. America is one of the largest mission fields in the world and America is in dire need of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Kingdom does not need to be preached to the remote tribes of India or the Amazon to fulfill Bible Prophecy that was fulfilled 2,000 years ago. If that's what this young man was thinking he was doing - then shame on those pentecostalist, futurist preachers that deceived that young man and the countless others they have deceived for all these years. His blood is on their hands,

Yes. He's guilty for not trying the spirits whether they are of God, or not, but he was deceived if this is what he believed.

The whole concept is so Biblically incorrect that it's just stupid. Years ago I was told by a young man who was a student at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University that Matthew 24:14 was soon to be fulfilled and the rapture would take place because Jerry was going to have television sets parachuted down to the remote tribes of Africa so they could hear the gospel. I thought about how stupid that was and then said, "Ok, what are they going to plug their TVs into?" How stupid.

Jerry Falwell taught - and I mean way back in the early 80s that the small TV dishes - like DirectTV and DISH, would fulfill Bible prophecy because it would make it easier to get satellite TV into remote areas where the gospel had never been preached. How stupid?

The prophecy concerning the Gospel being preached to the whole world was fulfilled in a very short time from the time Christ prophesied it. In addition to this passage here in Romans, I've shown you several other passages, Colossians 1:6; Colossians 1:23; Romans 10:18 where the Scriptures say - as plain as it can be said - that in that generation - 2,000 years ago - the Gospel WAS PREACHED to every creature under heaven.

Why are we so easily moved away from the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus?

If you look at the men who are preaching unfulfilled Bible prophecy - you will see the same men preaching that people in the middle east and around the world who call themselves Jews - but do not believe that Jesus was the Christ and that He Who was the Messiah has already come in the flesh - they say they are God's Chosen People.

No, they are not God's Chosen People.

I Peter 2:5-10 makes it abundantly - simplistically clear - who the people of God are:

[5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

[6] Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

[7] Unto you therefore which believe he is precious:

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but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

[8] And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

[9] But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Who are God's Chosen People? Come on. How can this get any clearer?

I am not ashamed to preach that men and women, boys and girls, who have bowed the knee to King Jesus and have allowed His reign in their lives - they are God's Chosen - they are God's People. And not only is that message worth going to jail for - but that message is worth dying for and I'll not stop preaching it and I'll not stop talking about it - because it is the only hope for America - it is the only hope for the world.

Romans 1:9-12

[9] For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

[10] Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

[11] For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

[12] That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

What was that in verse 11? ..."to the end ye may be established."

To what end?

Matthew 24:14

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:3

[3] And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

I Corinthians 1:8

[8] Who shall also confirm you unto the **end**, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 10:

[11] Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Hebrews 9:26

[26] For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

This is all talking about the same end. It was the end of the Old Covenant age.

The end of the Old Covenant age did not happen at the cross. It did not happen at the resurrection. It happened at AD70 - just like our Lord said in Matthew 24:1-3 when He said it would take place when the temple was destroyed.

The temple was the center of the Old Covenant world. Once again, this is very simple. You don't have to have a degree from a Bible college. The world of Old Covenant Israel revolved around the temple.

When the temple was destroyed - that was officially the end of the Old Covenant world.

So, here in Romans 1:11 when Paul was talking about the end - this is what he was talking about.

Romans 1:13-16

[13] Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come

unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

[14] I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

[15] So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

[16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Again, look at the details here. In verse 16, Paul did not even say the name Jesus here. First of all, everyone already knew Who Paul was talking about, so it wasn't necessary to say His name again - but what Paul DID have to say again was what Jesus title was. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of the King. It's the power of God unto salvation.

But it could also have been perceived to be a declaration of war against Rome. But Paul was not afraid. Once you have met the King of kings and Lord of lords face to face - man to man - or by faith - which in my opinion is greater faith still - you lose all fear of death - and you have boldness and confidence to preach that all men everywhere need to accept the gospel of the King.

Romans 1:17-32

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

I often have people ask me practical questions about how we are to be living in the Kingdom of God right now. I don't always have the answers. Thank God that I do have some answers - but as far as practical living in a society that openly hates and mocks God - I don't have all the answers. But I do have confidence and hope from Romans 1:17 - "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

I have said many times that the word "church" should not be in our English Bibles - except for when Paul was referring to the pagan temples of the pagan goddess Diana. Paul and apostles were building called out Christian communities of believers. They were not building weekend social organizations. When God's people finally figure this out and obey - I believe that God will begin to reveal things to us that are not available to us now because we are not obeying His command to build Christian communities.

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Here is Matthew 23 being spoken of regarding the wrath of God upon that generation that killed the Lord Jesus and His disciples.

[19] Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

[20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Here is another fulfillment of Matthew 24:14.

[21] Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

[22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

[23] And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

[24] Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

[25] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

This is one of the most profound verses in all of Scripture and is very concerning. Beware of those who change the truth of God into a lie. So much could be said about this. Not just in the area of Bible prophecy and the Kingdom of God. But the truths of God and His Word have been changed on nearly every subject known to us.

Modern science so-called - has done everything possible to cause people to worship the creature - not just more than the Creator - but they have done everything they can to even remove the thought that there is a Creator.

They tell us that the world was created billions of years ago and that the earth sits tilted at 66.6 degrees while it rotates around the sun at 66,600 miles per hour - even though God says that He created the heavens and the earth in 6 days and that His earth is not moving but rather the sun, the moon and the stars are the ones that are moving.

They've come up with all this to cause people to distrust the Word of God and if they can instill doubt in the Word of God as it relates to Creation - they can instill doubt as it relates to the Creator Himself. And most professing Christians remain silent on the issue.

We are removed from the simplicity that is Christ.



[26] For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

[27] And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

[28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

[29] Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

[30] Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

[31] Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

[32] Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Once again, the judgement of God was coming on that generation in fulfillment of Matthew 23 and a host of other prophecies that we have already discussed.

In speaking of the wickedness of that generation - the nation, time and place to Whom our Lord was sent - and the generation to whom our Lord said was going to see the wrath of God poured out on it like no other generation - this is what Josephus had to say about that generation:

"It is therefore impossible to go distinctly over every instance of these mens iniquity. I shall therefore speak my mind here at once briefly; that neither did any other city ever suffer such miseries; nor did any age ever breed a generation more fruitful in wickedness than this was from the beginning of the world."

"I suppose that had the Romans made any longer delay in coming against these villains, that the city would either have been swallowed up by the ground opening upon them, or been overflowed by water; or else been destroyed by such thunder, as the country of Sodom perished by. For it had brought forth a generation of men much more atheistical than were those that suffered such punishments. For by their madness it was that all the people came to be destroyed."

"And when they were again convicted of dissembling in such their pretences, they still more abused those that justly reproached them for their wickedness. And indeed that was a time most fertile in all manner of wicked practices: insomuch that no kind of evil deeds were then left undone. Nor could any one so much as devise any bad thing that was new: so deeply were they all infected, and strove with one another in their single capacity, and in their communities, who should run the greatest lengths in impiety

towards God, and in unjust actions towards their neighbours."

"For they imitated every wicked work. Nor if their memory suggested any evil thing that had formerly been done, did they avoid zealously to pursue the same. And although they gave themselves that name from their zeal for what was good, yet did it agree to them only by way of irony: on account of those they had unjustly treated by their wild and brutish disposition; or as thinking the greatest mischiefs to be the greatest good. Accordingly they all met with such ends as God deservedly brought upon them in way of punishment. For all such miseries have been sent upon them as man's nature is capable of undergoing, till the utmost period of their lives; and till death came upon them in various ways of torment. Yet might one say justly, that they suffered less than they had done: because it was impossible they could be punished according to their deserving. But to make a lamentation according to the deserts of those who fell under these men's barbarity, this is not a proper place for it. I therefore now return again to the remaining part of the present narration."

I could actually continue reading for quite a while longer how Josephus wrote about the wickedness of the generation that killed Christ - particularly in the last years of the Old Covenant world.

Matthew 15:10 when Christ spoke of the generation - nation, time and place that killed the Son of God, He said:

[15] Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of **Sodom** and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

I hope you have seen in the first chapter of Romans how much Bible prophecy was being fulfilled in that day. The soon coming of Christ and the soon coming of judgement upon that generation is easily seen in this chapter.