

Why do we Need Sound Doctrine

Romans 1:16-32

Into the Lesson:

What do you think are some of the greatest inventions in history?

For my money, it's Dave Kelley's smoker, wish I had been there.

What inventions have had the greatest positive impact on humanity? How about the greatest negative impact?

How do various translations of Romans 1:30 translate the phrase, "inventors of evil"?

Into the Word:

From Sam's excellent message last week and Lane's (excellent on paper if he doesn't botch the delivery), what do we know of this letter to the Roman church?

When and from where was this letter written?

Who was the church probably founded by and who were the predominate members?

What of the citizenry of Rome? What was Rome famous for?

What do you recall of the purpose for the letter to the church in Rome?

How is Paul's greeting (vv.1-7) like all his defenses to the Jewish leadership in the closing chapters of Acts? Does it seem like this is N.T. 101?

From our study of Acts, how did we see the Hand of God moving people and events for Paul to finally get to Rome?

As Paul was experiencing the events of Acts 27:18-21 do you think he may have remembered writing Romans 1:10-11 and thought, "what was I thinking?"

Read Psalm 2:1-5 and note any similarities with Romans 1:18-31. Who are the "They" and "Them" referred to in these verses?

Does Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 seem like an appropriate parallel for vv. 30-32?

Lane referenced John Stott's comments about "Intellectual Tolerance". How do we see this played out in vv.16-31?

Into Life:

How does the Roman "fame" of power and immorality seem like a mirror image of 21st century America?

How do the two major indictments from Romans, "...inventors of evil..." (v.31) and "...give hearty approval to those who practice them." (v.32) speak loudly of this present generation?

How do we see the parallels from Romans 1:28-31 manifesting themselves in our culture today? How do some of the modern catch phrases play into this mix?

Words like:

Gender Identity
Sexual Orientation
Cancel Culture
Identity Politics
Moral Relativism
Victimhood Embraced
Conformity Expected
Envy Encouraged

What are some ways we can build bridges to people (especially young people) who have been inundated with our culture's "truths" in a culture "without certainties" and have become so fearful and desperately lost?

How can we "HOLD FAST TO THE TRUTH" and "SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE" when what we say will be considered "hate speech"?

Lane asks the question, "how do we really view those outside of Christ that we are here to rescue"?

Our world so desperately needs sound doctrine, the church needs sound doctrine, and we find it in the revealed Word of God, we find it in Jesus.