

**Introduction:**

Today we will begin looking at *the need for a Savior*.

**Things we will look at in this lesson:** The Guilt of the Gentiles

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**01. What was Paul's response to the Jews' acknowledgment of the Gentiles' guilt?**

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**02. Why does Paul confront people with the painful truth of their guilt?**

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**03. What fact in Romans 1:18-32 suggests that Paul is speaking to Gentiles?**

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**04. What does the wrath of God give meaning to?**

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**Figure 1)**

| <b>Revelation</b><br><small>(Adapted from Hayford 1995, 746–747)</small>  |  |
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| <i>God reveals himself, His will, and His ways to humankind. Without this revelation, individuals are unable to know God or His ways.</i> |  |
| <b>God Has Revealed Himself to Humanity in Four Ways:</b>   |  |
| 1   | Through human conscience in an <b>innate</b> sense of difference between right and wrong (Romans 2:14–15)  |
| 2   | Through the natural creation by which He has displayed His glory to all humankind (Psalm 19:1–6; Romans 1:20)  |
| 3   | Through His Word (Micah 6:8; John 20:31; 2 Timothy 3:15)   |
| 4   | <i>By His Son (John 14:9). Jesus Christ is His fullest and final revelation. In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.</i><br><i>—Hebrews 1:1–2</i> |
|   | <i>Christ “made Him [God] known” (John 1:18), gave us the words the Father gave Him (John 17:8), and revealed God’s self-giving love at the cross.</i>   |

**05. How are we able to know God and His ways?**

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**Figure 2)**

| <b>Two Kinds of Revelation</b>  |  |
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| <b>GENERAL</b>  | <b>SPECIAL</b>   |
| <i>Creator and Judge Revealed in</i><br><i>Nature</i><br><i>History</i><br><i>Providence</i><br><i>Conscience</i> | <i>God and His Truth Revealed in</i><br><i>Bible</i><br><i>Prophecy</i><br><i>Miracles</i><br><i>Experience</i><br><i>Jesus Christ</i> |

**06. What is the wrath of God?**

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**07. What is God's wrath an expression of?**

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**08. What is the difference between wickedness and godlessness?**

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**09. How did the Gentiles anger God?**

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**10. In what two ways did the Gentiles know God?**

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**11. Why did Paul say the Gentiles were without excuse?**

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**12. What did the people do when they rejected their Creator?**

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**13. How does God reveal His wrath against wicked people?**

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**14. When people reject God's authority, what do they replace it with?**

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**15. How do we understand the concept of retribution?**

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**16. What does sin do?**

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