

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

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *h* to be saints : Grace *i* 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 *k* is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom *l* I serve *3* with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing *m* 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 *n* of God to come unto you.

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

12 That is, that I may be comforted together *3* with you by the mutual *q* faith both of you and me.

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 *3* among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I am debtor *r* 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 *s* of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power *t* of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; *u* to the Jew *v* first, and also to the Greek.

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

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

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest *4* in them; for God *z* hath showed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things *a* that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; *5* so that they are without excuse;

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

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they *c* became fools,

A. D. 60.

h 1Co. 1.2.

i Th. 4.7.

i 1Co. 1.3, &c.

2 Pe. 1.2.

k ch. 16. 19.

l Ac. 27. 23.

3 or, *in*.

m 1Th. 3. 10.

n Ja. 4. 15.

o ch. 15. 23, 32.

p ch. 15. 29.

q 2Pe. 1. 1.

r 1Co. 9. 16.

s Mar. 8. 38.

2 Ti. 1. 8.

t Je. 23. 29.

1 Co. 1. 18.

u Mar. 16. 16.

v Ac. 3. 26.

w ch. 3. 21, 25.

x Hab. 2. 4.

y Ep. 5. 6.

4 or, *to them*.

z Jno. 1. 9.

a Ps. 19. 1, &c.

5 or, *that they may be*.

b Je. 2. 5.

Ep. 4. 17, 18.

c Je. 8. 8, 9.

d Is. 40. 18, 26.

Eze. 8. 10.

e Ps. 81. 12.

2 Th. 2. 11.

f Am. 2. 4.

6 or, *rather*.

g Ep. 5. 12.

Jude 10.

7 or, *to acknowledge*.

8 or, *a mind void of judgment*.

9 or, *unso- ciable*.

10 or, *consent with them*.

(CHAP. 2.)

a 2Sa. 12. 6, 7.

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image *d* made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

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

25 Who changed the truth of God *f* into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature *6* more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; *g* 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 *7* to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to *8* 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, despightful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.

31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, *9* 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 *10* have pleasure in them that do them.

CHAPTER II.

They that condemn sin in others, and yet sin, are inexcusable, whether Jews or Gentiles.

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein *a* thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth, against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?