



# International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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## Lesson 2

### Romans 1:16-32 Scripture Handout

### New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
  2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

(Romans 1:17) For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed--a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Romans 1:18) The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

(Romans 1:19) since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

(Romans 1:20) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

(Romans 1:21) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

(Romans 1:22) Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

(Romans 1:23) and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

(Romans 1:24) Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

(Romans 1:25) They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.

(Romans 1:26) Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

(Romans 1:27) In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

(Romans 1:28) Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

(Romans 1:29) They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

(Romans 1:30) slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

(Romans 1:31) they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

(Romans 1:32) Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

**Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?