

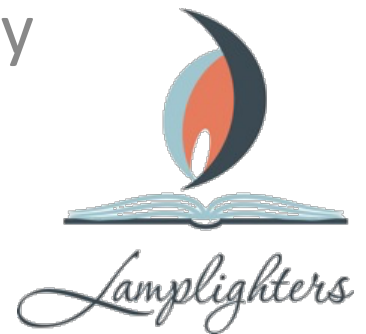
# ROMANS

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## *“Our Human Condition”*

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study  
Sept.30, 2015



# Announcements

Hopefest [Oct. 17.](#) is looking for clothing and infant gear donations

Collection boxes are in the entry to Covenant Hall and the entry to FEB 200



# Paul's String of Subordinate Clauses—Paul J Achtemeier

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For that reason my purpose also to preach the gospel even to you who are in Rome. (Why even in Rome?)

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Because I am not ashamed of the gospel. (Why am I not ashamed of it?) Because it is God's power for salvation for everyone who believes, Jew first and also Greek. (Why to everyone who believes?)

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Because God's righteousness is revealed in it from faith for the purpose of faith, just as Scripture says: "The one who is righteous by faith shall live." (Why is God's righteousness needed in order to live?)

18

Because God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against every impiousness and wickedness of those people who are suppressing the truth by wickedness. (How do we know they are suppressing the truth out of wickedness?) Because what is known of God is plain to them. (Why is it plain to them?)

19

Because God made it plain to them. (But how can it be plain to them?)

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Because God's unseen attributes, both his eternal power and deity, are seen from the creation of the world, perceived through the things God has done. (But why then the wrath?)

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Because although they knew God they did not glory in him as God or give thanks to him, but they were made foolish in their reasonings, and their stupid minds were darkened. (What is the result of all that?)

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Thinking they were wise, they fell into stupidity,

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and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of the image of mortal humans and birds and animals and reptiles.



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“If you want a religion to make you feel comfortable, I certainly don’t recommend Christianity.”      C.S. Lewis



# Fruit of the Spirit

But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

-Gal 5:22



